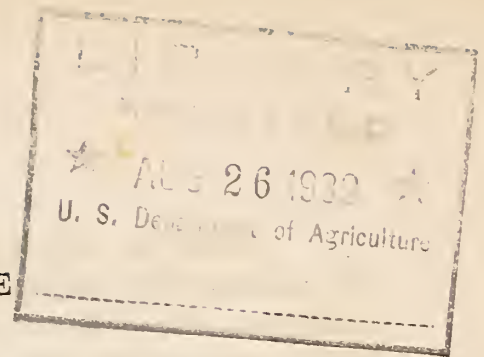


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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION LETTER.

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1a. This the first issue of the Division Letter since the Agricultural Marketing Service has been established as a new organization in the Department of Agriculture. It is our first duty to familiarize ourselves fully with the broad field of service in the marketing of farm products included in the Agricultural Marketing Service in order that we may improve our own operations and help minimize the confusion in the minds of the public respecting the reorganization of the Department. I especially wish to direct your attention to the article entitled "AMS Covers Broad Field of Service" by Mr. Kitchen in the first issue of The A.M.S. News, which you should have received by this time.

This statement describes briefly, yet comprehensively, the organization, operation, and policies of the Agricultural Marketing Service. It should enable you to answer questions about the Service and to clear up as quickly as possible any confusion which those with whom you come in contact may have regarding the change in name, and phases of the reorganization affecting our activities.

We shall continue to function as in the past, as Mr. Kitchen pointed out, except for change in name and changes in policy and in procedure as may be made from time to time. While the change in name well expresses the purpose of the manifold activities we have been conducting in the fruit and vegetable field, it should emphasize to the public and ourselves the ideals of service which motivate our work.

With the interest of many people in the reorganization and changes in the Department, there is no better opportunity than the present to stress our services and to take the attitude that it is our purpose to administer them effectively for the benefit of all concerned. We cannot accomplish the maximum results if we do not appreciate the effects on the part of those we serve of the present-day marketing and price problems involved in the production and distribution of fruits and vegetables. If we do this our work should yield greater benefits to those in the industry and a larger measure of personal satisfaction to us.

Some of our personnel were among the pioneers of our present work in the standardization, inspection, and market news service during the past two decades. We know how the work grew out of conditions in those days when the fruit and vegetable industry was concerned with expansion of production and distribution to meet the large demand.

Our pioneering in the real sense of the term has not been completed. The pressure for our services is great in helping the industry to operate under circumstances considerably different from conditions of the recent past. It is stimulating to be engaged in work which is dynamic and continually affected by changing conditions, but it means also that we must be on the alert constantly in order to anticipate as far as possible changes in policies and procedure which will improve our activities. We are fortunate, however, in being able to proceed on a broad foundation of accumulated knowledge and experience. The emphasis on service implied in the new name of our Bureau should serve as a real inspiration to us.

In order that we might have the benefit of the suggestions any of you may have for the improvement of our policies and procedures, or the work in general, I will appreciate your sending them to me.

W. G. Neal

2a. LETTERING OF DOORS AND DIRECTORY BOARDS AND MARKING OF PASSENGER CARRYING VEHICLES AND TRUCKS

On page 12 of The A. M. S. News, dated July 1, 1939, appears an item under the above heading, which should be noted by all offices. Decalcomania transfers for marking automobiles have been requisitioned from the Central Supply Section by the Washington administrative office of this Division and will, when received, be mailed to each office having an official car.

3a. DRIVER'S PERMITS NOT TO BE RECALLED

The Driver's Permits do not certify that the employee is a member of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics although the card is signed by an official of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Because the cards do not bear the certification that the holder is a member of the B.A.E., these cards will not be recalled from our employees at this time to be replaced with new cards. Their use may be continued as heretofore.

4a. COUNTING AND WEIGHING MAIL

Enclosed with this Division Letter for each office, is copy of Administrative Memorandum Number 146 signed by Mr. F.J. Hughes calling attention to the fact that a record must be kept of that incoming mail which consists of material in returned addressed penalty envelopes which have been furnished to persons or institutions for mailing to the Bureau information needed for official business.

In sending this to each office, it is recognized that some are not actively concerned but it is believed each office should be acquainted with this new requirement.

-MARKET NEWS SERVICE-

1b. CHANGES AND ADDITIONS ON CABBAGE, LETTUCE, PEACH, POTATO AND WATER-MELON PAGES OF CODE (Effective July 22)

On the KO (CABBAGE) page of the code change the meanings of KOG western crates (approximately 80 pounds net), and KOH half western crates to read

KOG Los Angeles crates
KOH half crates

On page MU (LETTUCE) change the meaning of MUC western half crates Iceberg type, MUD western half crates, MUF western crates Iceberg type, MUJ western crates, iced packs, MUK western crates dry packs, MUY western crates to read

MUC half crates Iceberg type
MUD half crates
MUF Los Angeles crates Iceberg type
MUJ Los Angeles crates, iced packs
MUK Los Angeles crates, dry packs
MUY Los Angeles crates

These changes are in line with the changes on the WA page of the code in Division Letter dated June 30.

On the NI (PEACH) page of the code change AT Lovells U.S. No. 1, IT Lovells to read

AT Fair Beautys U.S. No. 1
IT Fair Beautys

On the POTATO (PA-PE) page of the code add

IR under ice
IS under ventilation

On the SA-SI (WATERMELON) page of the code change the meaning of

AG Kleckley's Sweet to read
AG Early Kansas and add
AW White Dixie Belle

2b. GEORGIA PEACHES

The following is an account of harvesting progress, crop conditions, and movement of Georgia peaches.

Hileys are cleaning up rapidly in central Georgia and will be in their peak in north Georgia Monday, July 10. As most of the Hileys are located in south and central Georgia, the bulk of this variety has been shipped and the volume of stock remaining to move will be light.

The first car of Elbertas was reported shipped out of Vienna, Georgia July 1. The Fort Valley section reported rail movement the first of this week, July 2. However, this section will not be in its peak until July 10-12. In central Georgia where the volume is heavier, the peak week is expected from July 17-22. North Georgia's Elberta peak is expected the following week, July 24-29. The movement of Elbertas from Georgia will not be heavy. The entire crop is estimated at only 1,600-1,700 cars and this volume will be spread out quite uniformly from July 10-29. Some shippers feel this estimate is too low. The Early Rose and Hiley harvests did not come up to estimates, probably due to heavy truck shipments, so it is likely the rail-movement of Elbertas will fall short of this figure.

Quality of Elbertas will be irregular. Some orchards have very light-sets and, due to poor crop, not much was expended in spraying and worm and disease infestations are reported. In other orchards, where proper care has been taken, quality is reported excellent. Size will run above average.

Rail shipments to date total 2399 cars compared to 5261 cars a year ago. (R.E.Keller, 7/5/39)

3b. SALT_RIVER_VALLEY_CANTALOUPE

The peak of cantaloupe shipments from the Phoenix district of the State was reached on July 1st with 144 cars and the heavy movement from late plantings is now in progress. Imperial Valley, Blythe District of Southern California, and Yuma District of Arizona have all loaded their last cars. Shipments from Nevada, North Carolina and Central California are light.

Track holdings on the terminals have gradually been reduced since the peak of July 5th but supplies on the markets are still liberal. With the lighter movement of last week, however, a better feeling and greater demand developed with F.O.B. prices advancing Friday to \$1.50 cash track for Jumbo 36s and \$1.75 for Jumbo 45s. At these prices growers are making a fair profit where normal yields have been secured. Low production costs and disease-free fields have been important factors contributing to these profits.

The movement of honeydews has started and growers are optimistic regarding the outlook as the movement of Southwestern cantaloupes is expected to be light during the shipping period for Arizona honeydews. A few cars have been loaded and sold here at \$.65 to \$.70 F.O.B. cash track. (Ralph G. Risser, 7/10/39)

4b. NORTH CAROLINA PEACHES

The peach crop in the Sand Hill section of North Carolina is very light this year and most shippers estimate there is not over 25% of last year's volume. The early and late varieties were hardest hit by the freeze but there seems to be a fair crop of Hileys and Georgia Belles. The Elberta crop in this section is very light and most of the peaches will move to market by truck. It is very doubtful if there will be over 200 cars by rail.

Quality is not very good. There was considerable hail damage in most of the orchards and worms are rather plentiful. It is difficult at present to put up a U.S. No. 1 pack.

Most of the present offerings are Hileys but the first Georgia Belles are expected to mature early next week. Elbertas from this section should start moving about July 20th.

There is a very good crop of peaches in the Spartanburg section of South Carolina with the peak of the Golden Jubilee movement coming the first of next week. There are some Georgia Belles and Hileys but the bulk of the crop is Elbertas which should begin moving around the 25th of July.

Haulings have been light with a rather slow demand at most points. Half-bushel baskets of U.S. No. 1 Golden Jubilee are selling at mostly \$1.00 for 2 inch stock in carlots while truckloads of Hileys are bringing \$1.15-1.25 for the same size and grade stock. (R.E.Winfrey 7/8/39)

B. C. Boree

TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE							
Stations	Mail List	In Charge	Products	First Bulletin	Probably Will Close		
*Allendale, S.C. Court House	938	J.B.Owens	Watermelons Cantaloupes	June 30 " "	July 22 " "		9
*Hamlet, N.C. Room 12, Land Bldg.	939	R.E.Winfrey	Peaches Watermelons	July 5 " 20	July 22 Aug. 5		
*Macon, Ga. 315 Georgia Casualty Bldg.	833	R.E.Keller	Peaches	June 5	July 19		
" "	"	R.M.Peterson	Watermelons	July 7	July 29		
Nashville, Arkansas	873	W.D.Googe	Peaches	July 13	July 28		
*Phoenix, Arizona 602 Security Bldg.	815	R.G.Risser	Cantaloupes	June 26	July 20		
*Pocomoke City, Md. Peninsula Bldg.	878	S.W.Russell	Strawberries Potatoes	May 15 June 5	June 8 July 20		

THE FOLLOWING STATION WILL CLOSE ON THE DATE INDICATED

*Brawley, Calif. Planters Hotel Bldg.	933	A.M.McDowell	Cantaloupes Watermelons	May 22 June 5	July 13 July 13		
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THE FOLLOWING STATIONS WILL OPEN ON THE DATES INDICATED

Fresno, Calif.	919	A.M.McDowell	Grapes	July 31	Nov. 10		
Anna, Illinois	938	Walter Lappen	Peaches	Aug. 1	Aug. 10		

* State cooperating

J.C.Keller in St. Louis
W.D. Hull on leave
V.H. Nicholson in Kansas City
R.E.Corbin on leave

-STANDARDIZATION SERVICE-

1c. CHANGES IN NORTHERN GROWN ONION GRADES

Revised grades for Northern Grown Onions (Effective July 17, 1939) were mailed to each inspector during the last week. The following are changes which have been made:

An important change has been made in the application of tolerances to allow not to exceed 10 percent of the packages in any lot to vary from one and one-half and double the respective tolerances and to provide that decay in any one package may not exceed more than three times the tolerance, providing the average is within the tolerance.

The tolerance for U.S. No. 1 grade which formerly allowed individual packages to have 15 percent below the average specified for onions 2 inches or any other size and larger has been increased to 25 percent for individual packages, providing the average is within the percentage specified.

In U.S. Commercial Grade "free from damage by dirt and foreign matter" has been changed to "free from serious damage by dirt or other foreign matter" and a new definition (9) added which provides that onions shall not be considered seriously damaged by staining unless more than 10 percent of the lot is badly stained. This grade now permits any amount of materially stained onions.

2c. CHANGES IN U.S. STANDARDS FOR PEARS

Copies of revised pear standards (Effective July 1, 1939) were mailed to all inspectors since the last Division Letter. The following important changes and additions were made:

The requirement that pears be carefully handpicked is added to all grades and is defined to mean that pears do not show evidence of rough handling or of having been on the ground.

In No. 1 grade "free from bruises" is changed to "free from damage by bruises".

"Free from unhealed broken skins" in both No. 1 and No. 2 grades is changed to "free from damage by unhealed broken skins" in No. 1 grade and "to free from serious damage by unhealed broken skins" in No. 2 grade. Neither are defined in the standards but separate instructions giving interpretations of damage and serious damage by this factor will be issued.

In No. 1 grade "free from stings" is changed to "free from damage by stings" and a new definition added which defines damage as more than two healed codling moth stings or any insect sting over 3/32 inch in diameter. The definition of serious damage by stings is changed to read "more than four healed codling moth stings of which not more than two may be over 3/32 inch in diameter".

CHANGES IN U.S. STANDARDS FOR PEARS (cont'd)

In No. 2 grade "free from damage by black end" is changed to "free from black end".

New definitions have been added for damage and serious damage caused by drought spot, sooty blotch and blister mite or canker worm injury. Changes should be noted also in the definitions of damage and serious damage by russetting and damage and serious damage by limbrubs and damage and serious damage by Sprayburn and sunburn.

A number of changes should be noted under "Standard Pack" with reference to variation in diameter of pears for various counts per package and wrapping, and also the tolerances for standard packs.

3c. INTERPRETATION OF "DAMAGE" AND "SERIOUS DAMAGE" BY UNHEALED BROKEN SKINS IN U.S. STANDARDS FOR PEARS

Very small inconspicuous skin breaks shall not be scored as damage.

In addition, not more than 10 percent of the pears in a lot may have unhealed skin breaks which are conspicuous but not larger than 1/8 inch in diameter or depth.

A pear having an unhealed skin break larger than 1/8 inch in diameter or a pear having two or more unhealed skin breaks which are conspicuous shall be considered damaged and scored against the grade tolerance.

The interpretation for serious damage shall be the same as above except that 3/16 inch shall be substituted for 1/8 inch in the above.

In determining the percentage of U.S. No. 1 quality any unhealed skin break, that is conspicuous, should be scored.

Since the above interpretations are not a part of the standards the application of tolerances, of course, does not apply.

4c. ENCLOSURE

A copy of the Apple Law of the State of Delaware, 1939, is enclosed with this Division Letter to each inspector.

R. G. Spangler

-INSPECTION SERVICE-

1f. LICENSE CARDS NOT NECESSARY FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT

It is not necessary to issue license cards to regional shipping point supervisors who have been appointed by the Secretary either under Civil Service or as Agents. Such appointments make the inspectors in question employees of the Department, and as such it is not necessary to issue them the usual license cards.

2f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Alabama reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, American Legion Hall, Foley, Alabama.

For Arkansas " " Labe Dean, Nashville, Arkansas.

For Delaware " " F.S. Zimmerman, State Board of Agriculture, Dover, Delaware.

For Georgia " " H.M. Riley, 304 Grand Bldg., Macon, Ga.

For Kansas " " L.W. Brewer, Chesterfield Hotel, Topeka, Kansas.

For Missouri " " L.W. Brewer, " " " "

For South Carolina watermelons wire G. Ray Warren, Allendale, S.C.

For Tennessee reports wire T.W. Ayres, Donovan Hotel, Humboldt, Tenn.

For Virginia potatoes wire Robert Bier, Onley, Va.

3f. INSPECTIONS OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES UNDER NEW CANADIAN ORDER

The Canadian Department of Agriculture has recently issued new regulations under their Fruit, Vegetable, and Honey Act effective July 13. These regulations cover the inspection of apricots, asparagus, beets or carrots without tops, cabbage, cantaloupes, celery, cherries, grapes, head lettuce, onions without tops, parsnips, peaches, pears, plums, prunes, potatoes, rhubarb, rutabagas or tomatoes, or extracted honey produced in Canada. It will be noted that the regulations do not cover citrus fruits or other products not grown in Canada.

The regulations under the inspection of apples and potatoes are the same as those issued a few months ago except that decay and overripe condition have been restricted as follows: ".....not over-ripe, and with decay not exceeding 3 per cent (from July 1) to March 31 or 5 per cent to June 30th in each year;". Paragraph 5 of these regulations reads as follows: "Excepting produce manifested upon the port of entry in Canada, Collectors of Custom and Excise shall accept entry only of produce (named in Clause 1 hereof) in packages officially stamped "Inspected for Export." This is intended to apply only to truck shipments. It will not be necessary to stamp the packages "Inspected for Export" when the lot in question is to move by rail or boat, it being assumed that there is little chance of a substitution when the products are in the hands of a common carrier. The necessary stamps have been provided for all receiving markets. These stamps should be kept in the possession of an inspector but turned over by him to a laborer to be furnished by the applicant to do the stamping work while the inspector is making his examinations. Sacks which cannot be stamped must carry tags bearing the "Inspected for Export" stamp.

INSPECTIONS OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES UNDER NEW CANADIAN ORDER (cont'd)

Shipping point tolerances will apply in the case of all products except apples and pears, which grades contain specific provisions to the effect that changes in storage and transit are to be considered factors of condition and not grade.

Any inspector may add to a certificate covering a lot which was rolling when these new regulations went into effect the statement: "Meets Canadian Import Requirements", and sign his own name beneath this statement provided the certificate shows that the lot meets the said requirements.

S.R.A. 93, Second Revision, permits charges to be made on the basis of the number of pounds or number of containers examined when a charge on a carlot basis would be inadequate or inequitable as would be the case with l.c.l. inspections of this kind. For the present, therefore, the following charges should be made for such l.c.l. inspections:

From	1 up to 25	packages	\$1.00
"	25 " " 50	"	1.50
"	50 " " 100	"	2.00
"	100 " " $\frac{1}{2}$	a usual carload	2.50

Regular certificates should be issued when time will permit typing in the usual way, otherwise, truck form certificate FPI 118 should be written out at the time of inspection and the original delivered to the applicant. In either case all products for a single applicant moving under a single billing may be covered on a single certificate. A copy of the new Canadian regulations has been mailed to each receiving point inspector and shipping point supervisor.

F.G. Robb

OFFICE NOTES:

Mr. Wm. G. Meal spent July 8 in New York City conferring with members of the produce trade and the Northeastern Potato and Vegetable Council regarding the various services conducted by the Division.

Mr. R.C. Hastings advises the telephone number for the Fargo office is now 2-2531.

Mr. W.D. Hull, in charge of the St. Louis Market News Office advises his residence address is now 7916A Bonhomme Avenue, Clayton, Mo. Residence telephone: Delmar 0814.

The Washington office regrets to learn that it has been necessary for Mr. J.C. Bigger, in charge of the Chicago Canned Foods Grading Office, to be called to Philadelphia due to the serious illness and death of his son.

Mr. John P. Capus, assigned to the Fruit and Vegetable Market News Office, New York City, is being transferred, August 1, to the Philadelphia Market News Office.

Messrs. W.E. Lewis and R.R. Pailthorp, left Washington on July 8 for about one week, for the purpose of conferring with growers, shippers, members of the Agricultural Marketing Service and others at various points in Florida relative to grades for citrus. Before returning to Washington similar conferences will be held at points in South Carolina relative to grades for water-melons.

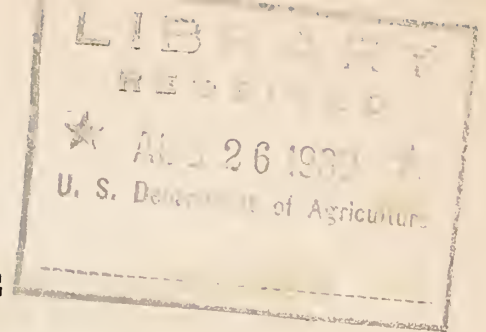
The Fruit and Vegetable Market News Office at New Orleans, Louisiana, which has been closed for the past year, will be reopened about September 1. Mr. R.C. Elliott, who resigned in July, 1938, while in charge of our Buffalo office, is being reinstated to take charge of the New Orleans Market News Office. Prior to this assignment Mr. Elliott, beginning about August 7, will be engaged on relief duty for the Inspection Service.

The Memphis office is closed until September 1, Mr. H.C. McCoy being on leave.

Mr. E.P. Bostwick, of the San Francisco Canned Foods Grading Office, advises his residence address is now 2320 North Point St., San Francisco. His residence telephone number remains the same - Walnut 6751.

Mr. W.E. Phillips, in charge of our New Haven office advises his residence address is now 110 New Haven Avenue, Woodmont, Connecticut. Residence telephone: Milford 77-4.

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1a. During the past few days copies of a new publication which describes the detailed organization and functions of the Agricultural Marketing Service were mailed to our field personnel. I am anxious that you read it as soon as possible in order that all of us may have a general understanding of the important activities of the organization. Naturally a working knowledge of the services and assistance the Agricultural Marketing Service is prepared to render growers, the trades, and consumers is essential if we are to develop and maintain a coordinated and efficient service agency.

As you know, the Fruit and Vegetable Division is one of the commodity Divisions comprising this agency. We have the responsibility, therefore, of representing the Service and handling its functions in the broad field of activities relating to fresh and processed fruits and vegetables. I am sure we can agree with the aim of the Service in maintaining a well coordinated and efficient organization. It is our purpose in the Division to follow the same objectives in conducting our work.

This means that we must have a well balanced perspective in handling our activities if we are to achieve these objectives in the fullest sense. Their attainment frequently means more than the mere carrying out of an assignment involving certain detailed duties in one of our projects without fully recognizing the importance of the work in relation to that of the Division as a whole. It seems to me that such an appreciation of our work in general will result in our gaining a broader view of the important responsibilities we have as a group in serving effectively the fruit and vegetable industry.

In this connection we are anxious to receive your suggestions or comments which you believe will improve the work of the Division.

W. G. Neal

2a. ADMINISTRATION OF AFFIDAVITS TO EXPENSE ACCOUNTS

To facilitate the administering of oaths to expense accounts in field offices we have been advised that in those field offices where a large number of expense accounts are handled, a responsible employee in such office may be designated by the Secretary to administer oaths to expense accounts. In order that this may be accomplished, Form AD-140, "Request For Authorization To Administer Affidavits," has been mailed to B.E. Surry, Atlanta; W.F. Plummer, Boston; E.E. Conklin, Chicago; Bryce Morris, Denver; A.E. Prugh, Los Angeles; W.C. Hackleman, New York; J.A. Marks, Philadelphia; C.J. Hansen, Portland; and W.F. Cox, San Francisco. Other fruit and vegetable activities in the above offices will be advised in this connection by the employees listed.

Any office, in addition to those listed, in which it is believed there are sufficient number of expense accounts to warrant the designation of an employee to administer oaths should be brought to the attention of Mrs. Mills, and the matter will be given consideration. In this connection it should be borne in mind that an employee cannot administer an oath to himself and, therefore, someone other than the officer certifying the accounts should be designated to administer the oaths.

3a. LETTERHEAD - SHORT FORM

The short form letterhead (size 8 x 7) has been discontinued. When the present supply of manifold paper of this same size is exhausted it will also be discontinued.

4a. HELP LOCATE CLIFFORD EARL

All field employees are requested to be on the lookout for Clifford Earl, who formerly operated at Tampa, Florida, under the firm name and style, Clifford Earl & Company. Anyone having knowledge of the present whereabouts of Clifford Earl should promptly notify Mr. Spilman.

5a. DECALCAMANIA TRANSFERS FOR AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE

Decalcamania transfers inscribed with the name of the Agricultural Marketing Service have not yet been received in the Central Supply Section. When these are received the Washington office will automatically mail a set to be used on each automobile assigned to this Division.

6a. EACH OFFICE SHOULD RECEIVE THE A.M.S. NEWS

Each office of the Division should receive each issue of The A.M.S. News (formerly The B.A.E. News). Any office not receiving this publication should immediately notify the Washington office so that it may be added to the mailing list.

-MARKET NEWS SERVICE-

1b. SPECIAL NOTICE - CIRCULARIZING MAILING LISTS

The Division Letter of March 10, 1939, page 34, item 2-b carried the following instructions on circularizing mailing lists for the following 12 month period:

"When circularizing mailing lists, both field and market station, during the next year, please add the following question to the circular letter, either as a part of the questionnaire or as a postscript, preferably the latter: 'How are these reports of value to you'? After each circularization has been completed and all corrections of the mailing list made, please forward the replies to this office for our use in building up a special file on the above subject. The circular letters can later be returned if necessary."

These instructions are repeated because it is feared that all field and city representatives did not read them carefully. In a few instances these instructions have not been followed, while in other cases offices have continued to use postal cards for circularization purposes. Postal cards are not satisfactory because they do not provide sufficient available space upon which an applicant for our reports can write any comments he may wish to make.

During the period we wish these special circularizations made to secure comments on the value of the service, do not use postal cards - use regular sheets of paper. After this special circularization period is over, the use of postal cards may be resumed. Meanwhile please be sure to ask the suggested question on all circularization of mailing lists made from your office. This is important.

2b. ARKANSAS PEACHES

The 1939 Arkansas Elberta peach deal has been rather disappointing to growers and shippers. To date approximately 625 cars have been shipped and it is estimated that less than 500 cars remain to be shipped. The season in the Nashville-Highland district will be practically over by July 29. Shipments from the Clarksville and Crowley Ridge districts are now underway and are expected to continue until about August 10.

The short crop in Nashville-Highland district resulted from intense hot and dry weather during the early part of the month which affected the size of the fruit, and also from heavy infestation by worms that apparently were hatched from eggs laid just before the harvest began. Most growers and shippers were expecting a crop of good quality due to favorable growing conditions during June, and were surprised to find that in many orchards more than half the crop was lost by late worm damage. Recent showers are expected to increase the size of late fruit still on the trees. On July 23 the Clarksville district received some hail but the damage was reported as being only slight.

ARKANSAS PEACHES (cont'd)

Compared with last season, prices this year have been very favorable. Thus far U.S. No. 1 Elbertas 2-inch minimum have not sold for less than \$1.45 per bushel in contrast to 75-85¢ during the peak of the 1938 season. (W.D. Googe, 7/25/39)

B.C. Boree

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OFFICE NOTES:

Mr. R.L. Spangler is visiting various points in Maine for the purpose of demonstrating the grading of cucumbers which are being purchased by a manufacturer on the basis of the U.S. Standards for cucumbers for pickling. Mr. Wm. E. Lewis will also go to Maine within a few days to secure information on which to base U.S. standards for blue berries.

Effective about August 16, Mr. Walter Kingsbury will be transferred from the Salt Lake City office to the Chicago inspection office. Mr. L.W. Brewer will go from the Chicago office to take charge of the Salt Lake City office.

For the purpose of inspecting commodities at a number of points in New England, where the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation is purchasing certain surplus fruits and vegetables on farmers' markets, nine inspectors have been assigned to the work with the expectation that others will be given similar assignments within the next few weeks.

The name of Wendell Calhoun should be removed from all Market Station Address Lists, and Mr. R.L. Sutton shown as being in charge of the Philadelphia office. Mr. Calhoun has transferred to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Mr. H.J. Clay will attend a meeting of the Virginia-Carolina Peanut Association to be held at Virginia Beach, Virginia, during the period August 7-9.

During the period August 1-31, inspections for the East Providence office will be handled through the Boston office, Mr. H.L. Geer being on leave.

TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE

<u>Stations</u>	<u>Mail List</u>	<u>In Charge</u>	<u>Products</u>	<u>First Bulletin</u>	<u>Probably Will Close</u>
*Anna, Illinois	938	Walter Lappen	Peaches	Aug. 1	Aug. 10
*Benton Harbor, Michigan	838	R.E. Keller	Apples	Aug. 22	Oct. 31
			Berries	Aug. 1	Aug. 25
			Grapes	Sept. 27	Oct. 14
			Onions	Sept. 12	Oct. 31
			Pears	Aug. 22	Oct. 19
			Peaches	Aug. 15	Sept. 20
			Potatoes	Oct. 3	Oct. 31
*Fresno, Calif. Holland Bldg.	919	A.M. McDowell	Grapes	July 31	Nov. 10
*Hamlet, N.C. Room 12, Land Bldg.	939	R.E. Winfrey	Peaches	July 5	July 22
			Watermelons	July 20	Aug. 5
Milton-Freewater, Oregon	892	R.G. Risser	Fresh Prunes	Aug. 9	Aug. 26

THE FOLLOWING STATIONSCLOSE ON THE DATES INDICATED

*Allendale, S.C. Court House	938	J.B. Owens	Watermelons	June 30	July 20
			Cantaloupes	June 30	July 9
*Macon, Ga. 315 Georgia Casualty Bldg.	833	R.E. Keller	Peaches	June 5	July 25
" "	"	R.M. Peterson	Watermelons	July 7	July 21
Nashville, Arkansas	873	W.D. Googe	Peaches	July 13	Aug. 1
*Phoenix, Arizona 602 Security Bldg.	815	R.G. Risser	Cantaloupes	June 26	July 18
*Pocomoke City, Md. Peninsula Bldg.	878	S.W. Russell	Strawberries	May 15	June 8
			Potatoes	June 5	July 20

THE FOLLOWING STATIONS OPEN ON THE DATES INDICATED

*Centralia, Illinois	939	Walter Lappen	Peaches	Aug. 12	Aug. 24
Nampa, Idaho	940	R.G. Risser	Fresh Prunes	Aug. 29	Sept. 20
Rocky Ford, Colorado	821-G	A. Stambaugh	Cantaloupes	Aug. 14	Sept. 20

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 S.W. Russell on leave.
 H.F. Willson on leave.

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-INSPECTION SERVICE-

(As an experiment the "Inspection" portion of this D.L. is being mimeographed on one side of the page only.)

1f. ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS RELATIVE CANADIAN EXPORT CERTIFICATION

(1) The Canadian order of June 21 includes parsnips. There are no Federal grades for parsnips. The Canadian Department covers beets, carrots, and parsnips from which tops have been removed under a single grade, and has advised that parsnips would be considered as meeting their import requirements if they meet the requirements of the U.S. No. 1 Grade for topped carrots. Parsnips, however, should not be certified as U.S. No. 1. The statement under grade should read "Meets Canadian import requirements."

(2) In the last Division Letter it was stated that shipping point tolerances should be applied when inspections are made in borderline markets. The Canadian Department has since agreed that the destination tolerances for peaches and tomatoes may be used in making such inspections. For the present the regular grade tolerances for all other commodities will be used with the exception of apples for which special decay tolerances are provided in the order.

(3) Apples and pears for shipment to Canada must be certified on an Export Form Certificate or by use of FPI 91. These commodities cannot be certified with others in a mixed lot on a single certificate. The regulations under the Export Apple and Pear Act provide that the Export Form Certificate shall be used ONLY for certification of apples and pears for export. Other commodities must not be included in an Export Form Certificate. If apples and pears are offered for inspection in a single export shipment it will be proper to cover the two on a single Export Form Certificate.

(4) It has been pointed out that in some instances the charge for export inspection on a per-package basis, as directed in the last Division Letter, will work an injustice to the exporter who may request inspection of a number of small orders going to different destinations. Paragraph 1 of Regulation 7, S.R.A. 93, Second Revision, permits the charging of fees on several different bases so that they will be adequate and equitable. It will be proper, therefore, to make the charge for inspections of the kind in question on a time basis if the charge on a per-package basis would be inequitable.

(5) The Canadian Department has advised that their order of June 21 does not permit the importation of apples or pears for cannery purposes on any basis other than that required for regular shipments. Therefore, apples must meet the minimum requirements of U.S. Commercial as provided in "F" 3(a) of the Canadian requirements. Pears must grade U.S. No. 2.

2f. COPIES OF EXPORT CERTIFICATES ON CALIFORNIA HARDY PEARS

Hardy pears in California are being marketed under an order which provides for the control of export shipments by volume. For the information of the Agreement Committee as to the inspection of Hardy pears for export, it is requested that all inspectors who issue Export Form Certificates on such pears outside of the State of California mail copies of such certificates to the Hardy Pear Agreement Committee, 350 North First St., San Jose, California, and send them a collect wire giving the name of the person requesting the Export Form Certificate together with the car number.

3f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Arkansas reports wire Labe Dean, Nashville, Arkansas.

" Delaware " " F.S. Zimmerman, State Board of Agriculture,
Dover, Delaware.

" Georgia " " H.M.Riley, 304 Grand Bldg., Macon, Ga.

" Nebraska " " Federal-State Inspection Service, Gibbon,
Nebraska.

" Oklahoma " " W.B. Renfro, Eufaula, Oklahoma.

" Tennessee " " T.W.Ayres, Harriman Hotel, Harriman, Tenn.

" Missouri watermelons wire Federal-State Inspection Service,
Charleston, Mo.

4f. EDWARD READ AND SON - BANKRUPT.

The Washington office is advised that the firm of Edward Read & Son, Detroit Union Produce Terminal, Detroit, Michigan, is now bankrupt. All outstanding fee bills against this firm should be transmitted to Washington to be incorporated in a formal proof of claim.

F. G. Robb

-STANDARDIZATION SERVICE-

1c. INTERPRETATION OF "DAMAGE" AND "SERIOUS DAMAGE" BY UNHEALED BROKEN SKINS
IN U.S. STANDARDS FOR PEARS

With reference to Item 3c in the Division Letter of July 14, the 5th paragraph should be changed to read as follows:

"In determining the percentage of U.S. No. 1 quality any unhealed skin break, that is conspicuous, should be scored. When reporting Combination Grade, or Combination Grade with percentage of U.S. No. 1 quality, very small inconspicuous skin breaks should not be scored against any pears in the Combination. In addition, 10 percent of the pears in any lot may have unhealed skin breaks which are conspicuous and not larger than 3/16 inch in diameter or depth. A pear having an unhealed skin break larger than 3/16 inch in diameter or depth or a pear having two or more unhealed skin breaks which are conspicuous shall be considered serious damage and scored against the Combination Grade tolerance."

2c. GRADING RULES FOR BARTLETT AND OTHER SUMMER AND FALL PEARS (Effective and mandatory for all pears, except winter pears, marketed within the State of Washington).

A copy of this circular accompanies this Division Letter for each inspector.

3c. REVISED WASHINGTON STATE APPLE GRADES

Revised Washington State Apple Grades have been mailed to each inspector since the Division Letter dated July 14.

R.R. Pailthorp

INSPECTIONS OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FOR USE BY VARIOUS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES
(All figures represent fruits and vegetables in pounds)

	June, 1939									
Cities	: Navy	: Hospitals	: Veterans	: Marine & Guard	: Coast	: Public	: Health	: State	: County	: City
Boston	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	366,536
Chicago	-	11,370	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Great Lakes	255,894	48,140	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles	-	343,918	31,382	-	-	-	9,320	60,406	-	-
Memphis	-	20,549	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Milwaukee	-	118,023	-	-	-	-	-	91,306	-	-
Newark	3,137	45,258	-	-	-	-	-	170,807	-	-
New York	131,255	134,630	165,239	43,520	231,588	9,451	409,593	1,323,637	-	-
Norfolk	449,140	-	-	45,923	-	-	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia	111,726	54,985	18,317	-	-	-	229,800	-	-	-
Pittsburgh	-	27,677	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. Louis	-	26,612	-	-	-	-	253,004	-	-	-
San Diego	1,914,836	-	158,399	3,279	-	4,870	-	-	-	-
San Francisco	332,990	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Pedro	1,910,822	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vallejo	473,398	-	19,870	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Washington, D.C.	-	-	-	-	-	10,877	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	5,643,198	881,162	393,207	92,722	231,588	34,518	1,581,452	1,323,637	-	-
GRAND TOTAL	10,181,484	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

TOTAL SHIPPING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING JUNE, 1939.

L.c.l.'s reduced to carlot equivalents).

State	Carlot or Carlot Equiv.	State	Carlot or Carlot Equiv.
Alabama	655	Mississippi	2407
Arizona	850	New Jersey	1
Arkansas	223	New York	6
California	12821	North Carolina	5402
Colorado	101	North Dakota	1
Delaware	15	Ohio	191
Florida	8119	Oklahoma	424 $\frac{1}{4}$
Georgia	2926	Oregon	338
Idaho	1120 $\frac{1}{2}$	South Carolina	767
Illinois	179	Tennessee	1186
Indiana	199	Texas	4030
Iowa	2	Utah	31*
Kentucky	21	Virginia	3276
Louisiana	817	Washington	1273
Maine	861 $\frac{1}{2}$	West Virginia	2
Maryland	7	Wisconsin	3
Michigan	341		
Minnesota	3	TOTAL	48627 $\frac{1}{4}$
Missouri	28		

* There were 365 trucklots aggregating 4,856,808 pounds of various fruits and vegetables inspected under State Regulatory Acts.

Inspections for F.S.C.C. not included in the above - Arizona 85, California 292, Tennessee 266, Florida 1040.

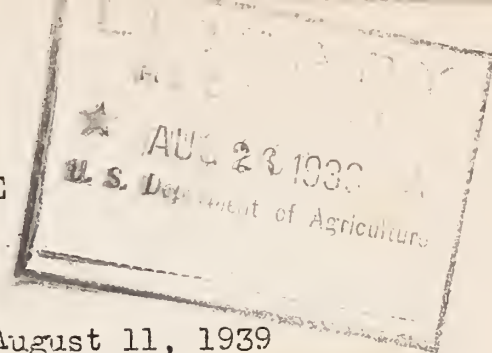
RECEIVING POINT INSPECTION DURING JUNE, 1939.

Total			Same Month		
Markets	Inspections	Last Year	Markets	Inspections	Last Year
Albany	46	15	Minneapolis	44	19
Atlanta	17	23	Newark	82	60
Baltimore	73	27	New Haven	43	46
Boston	231	207	New Orleans	126	78
Buffalo	197	103	New York	944	784
Chicago	154	160	Norfolk	25	18
Cincinnati	44	27	Oklahoma City	5	10
Cleveland	214	207	Philadelphia	197	109
Columbus	89	61	Pittsburgh	162	125
Denver	35	54	Portland	36	38
Detroit	320	77	Rochester	58	26
East Providence	79	42	St. Louis	59	92
Fargo	1	0	Salt Lake City	4	11
Fort Worth	6	5	San Francisco	0	7
Harrisburg	8	11	Seattle	3	8
Hartford	78	68	Tampa	2	-
Houston	596	445	Washington, D.C.	41	12
Indianapolis	24	14			
Jacksonville	38	14			
Kansas City	57	85			
Los Angeles	1	13			
Memphis	8	-			
Milwaukee	41	63			
			Total fees assessed for		Total for
			June, 1939 \$14,327.06		last year
					\$13,657.93

2482 cars inspected for Western Perishable Carload Receivers' Assn. -New York City.

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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION LETTER

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1a. ACTUAL OR ESTIMATED COST OF FREIGHT CHARGES TO BE SHOWN ON THE MEMORANDUM COPY OF EACH GOVERNMENT B/L BEFORE TRANSMITTAL TO WASHINGTON.

It is now required that the actual cost of freight or express charges, or a close estimate thereof, be shown on the memorandum copy of each Government Bill of Lading before it is sent to Washington. This information is needed by our Accounting Offices.

2a. USING OFFICIAL ENVELOPES FOR PERSONAL CORRESPONDENCE

The Business Manager brings to our attention the fact that it has been reported to his office that a great many envelopes are being used by employees for personal correspondence. As this is an unauthorized use of Government property the practice must be discontinued. It is also requested that, so far as practicable, personal mail be not sent to the office.

3a. REPORT OF P.A.C.A. WORK, FISCAL YEAR 1938-39.

The following statistics appear in the annual report covering the enforcement of the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act during the past fiscal year:

19,955 licenses were in effect June 30, 1939, an increase of 176.

\$205,667.63 in license fees were received and deposited during the year.

\$7,042.41 of the above amount represented arrearage fees.

Since June 1930, a total of 61,662 new licenses have been issued and \$1,472,840.62 has been collected in license fees.

2,707 applications for licenses were secured by traveling field men and men at branch offices.

2,396 complaints of violations of the act were filed, an increase of 17. This was an average of 46 per week, of which 27% were by wire.

819 amicable settlements, an increase of 74, were effected during the year resulting in payments of \$276,023.35.

61 hearings were held, a decrease of 20.

325 formal decisions on complaints were rendered by the Secretary, a decrease of 16, involving awards totaling \$101,759.36.

69 licenses became automatically suspended through failure to pay reparations awarded, an increase of 23.

13 licenses were revoked, an increase of 6.

12 licenses were suspended, a decrease of 7, but most of them were to become effective only in case of further violation.

TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE

<u>Stations</u>	<u>Mail List</u>	<u>In Charge</u>	<u>Products</u>	<u>First Bulletin</u>	<u>Probably Will Close</u>
*Benton Harbor, Michigan 205 P.O. Bldg.	838	R.E. Keller	Apples Berries Grapes Onions Pears Peaches Potatoes	Aug. 1 Aug. 1 Sept. 25 Sept. 12 Aug. 22 Aug. 15 Oct. 3	Oct. 31 Aug. 25 Oct. 14 Oct. 31 Oct. 19 Sept. 20 Oct. 31
*Centralia, Illinois	939	Walter Lappen	Peaches	Aug. 14	Aug. 24
*Fresno, Calif. Holland Bldg.	919	A.M. McDowell	Grapes	July 31	Nov. 10
Milton-Freewater, Oregon	892	R.G. Risser	Fresh Prunes	Aug. 10	Aug. 26
Rocky Ford, Colorado	821-G	A. Stambaugh	Cantaloupes	Aug. 14	Sept. 20

THE FOLLOWING STATIONS CLOSE ON THE DATES INDICATED

*Anna, Illinois	938	Walter Lappen	Peaches	Aug. 1	Aug. 12
*Hamlet, N.C. Room 12, Land Bldg.	939	R.E. Winfrey	Peaches Watermelons	July 5 July 20	July 3 Aug. 1

THE FOLLOWING STATIONS OPEN ON THE DATES INDICATED

Martinsburg, W. Va.	835-R	R.M. Peterson	Apples	Sept. 5	Nov. 17
Nampa, Idaho	940	R.G. Risser	Fresh Prunes	Aug. 29	Sept. 20
Rochester, N.Y.	837	J.C. Keller	Apples Cabbage Carrots Celery Grapes Onions Pears Peaches Potatoes	Sept. 1 Sept. 1 Sept. 7 Sept. 1 Sept. 29 Sept. 1 Sept. 1 Sept. 7 Oct. 11	May 20 Feb. 22 May 20 Jan. 3 Oct. 20 April 22 Nov. 4 Sept. 28 May 6
Waupaca, Wisconsin	894-R	P.N. Nicholson	Potatoes	Sept. 5	March 31

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J.C. Keller in Pittsburgh. (J.K. Boyd on leave)

J.B. Owens in Boston. (H.S. Stiles on leave)

S.W. Russell on leave.

H.F. Willson in Lakeland, Florida.

V.H. Nicholson in Detroit. (D.L. Smith on leave)

1b. ADDITIONS TO D (SHIPMENTS AND RECEIPTS) PAGE OF THE CODE (Effective Aug. 26)

On the D (SHIPMENTS AND RECEIPTS) page of the code add

DIR Anna and Southern Illinois Points

DOP Fresno and Arvin Districts

-INSPECTION SERVICE-

1f. ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS RELATIVE TO EXPORT SHIPMENTS TO CANADA

1. In response to a question as to whether produce might be exported to Canada in open containers, Mr. R.L. Wheeler, of the Canadian Department of Agriculture, has advised that open packages meet Canadian import requirements if the packages are standardized for the product as mentioned in Clause 2 of Package Regulations and Clause 7 of Import Regulations of the Canadian order. We understand this to mean that produce in any open containers which are standardized either under our Standard Container Acts or under State authority will be acceptable to the Canadian authorities. Any other packages so used would have to conform to the package standardization provisions of the Canadian order.

2. The Canadian Department of Agriculture has requested that the percentage of U.S. No. 1 or higher quality be shown on the certificate covering any lots which are certified as of a lower grade. Some of their import duties are based on the quality of the commodity and certification of percentages of higher quality will be of assistance to customs officials in determining the proper charges. No attempt should be made to certify such percentages of higher grade unless the lot contains 50% or more of such stock.

3. Advice has been received that the marking of grade on the container is not absolutely necessary under the Canadian order. It is essential, however, that the grade be definitely shown on the certificate.

4. A question has been raised as to the proper procedure in certifying pears which were inspected at a number of different packing houses and then assembled in a cold storage plant where they were precooled for 36 to 48 hours and then loaded for shipment to Canada. Approval of the following procedure has been obtained from the Canadian Department:

An inspector at the cold storage plant where the precooled pears are loaded into the car may issue a certificate which, in lieu of specific statements as to quality and condition, contains the following statement: "The pears covered by this certificate have been inspected and certified as U.S. No. 1 Grade." Under the grade heading should appear the statement "Meets Canadian import requirements." The issuing of a certificate of this kind is conditioned upon all containers which make up such a shipment being lot numbered and on the inspector who issues the final certificate having in his possession the originals, or copies, of the certificates covering the original inspections. This procedure is to be followed only when the pears move directly from the packing house to the precooler and thence into the car upon completion of precooling. Such a procedure will not be permissible in the case of pears which have been in cold storage longer than the time necessary for precooling.

2f. REVISED CAULIFLOWER GRADES

Since issuance of the Division Letter dated July 28 copies of revised cauliflower grades (effective August 7) have been mailed to all inspectors.

3f. COPIES OF SUPERSEDED CERTIFICATES

Question has been raised as to what should be done in case it is impossible to collect all copies of a certificate which has been "sent out but later voided" because it was in some respect incorrect.

The term "voided" should be used only to apply to those certificates which for some reason are not issued. If a certificate has been issued and it is necessary to issue a corrected certificate later, every effort should be made to have the original and all copies of the incorrect certificate returned to the office of issuance. These should not be marked "voided" but "Superseded by Certificate No. _____." There is usually a letter issued requesting the return of the incorrect certificate. A copy of this should accompany the original and copies of the superseded certificate when they are forwarded to Washington.

4f. GRADINGS OF FROZEN FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

All assessments on gradings of frozen fruits and vegetables should be transmitted in the usual way on the same schedule of collections with the regular canned gradings. The fees assessed should not only be included in the body of the monthly financial statement but notation should be made under "Remarks" as to the number of certificates and total fees assessed.

5f. INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING EXPORT FORM CERTIFICATES AND SANITARY MEMORANDA

With this Division Letter there are enclosed the revised instructions covering the issuance of Export Form Certificates and various Sanitary Memoranda. A new Sanitary Memorandum (AMS-148) now supersedes F.P.I.- 85 and 93 and a supply of this new form has been mailed to all field offices. Read carefully instructions covering the issuance of this new form.

6f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Arkansas reports wire Labe Dean, Nashville, Arkansas.

For Indiana onion and potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,
Warsaw, Indiana.

For Missouri watermelon reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,
Charleston, Mo.

For Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Gibbon, Nebraska.

For New Jersey potatoes wire R.H. vonGlahn, Hightstown, New Jersey.

For Oklahoma reports wire W.B. Renfro, Eufaula, Oklahoma.

7f. PLEASE ADD TO LIST OF PAST DUE ACCOUNTS:

A. G. Weinstein,	Omaha, Nebraska	\$ 2.50
Pioneer Vegetable Exch. Inc.	Los Angeles, Calif.	4.00
Dublin Produce,	285 Livonia Ave.,	
	Brooklyn, N.Y.	5.00
David I. Peterson,	Edinburg, Texas	1.00
E.J. Briggs	Caribou, Maine	1.00
Joseph Lamberta,	360 East Avenue	
	Wallabout Market	
	Brooklyn, N.Y.	2.50
McDougal Bros.	Caribou, Maine	5.00

Inspections in Receiving Markets
Two Year Comparison

MARKET	1937-38	1938-39
Albany	100	139
Atlanta	875	441
Baltimore	455	496
Boston	3235	2885
Buffalo	465	672
Chicago	1794	1671
Cincinnati	294	276
Cleveland	1343	958
Columbus	346	463
Denver	419	250
Detroit	521	849
Fargo	1	1
Fort Worth	118	109
Harrisburg	27	28
Hartford	636	696 $\frac{1}{2}$
Houston	1993	2909
Indianapolis	134	163
Jacksonville	342	300
Kansas City	818	689
Los Angeles	128	163
Memphis	98	81
Miami	-	104
Milwaukee	374	351
Minneapolis	134	259
Newark	373	422
New Haven	310	452
New Orleans	1020	1233
New York	28228	27515 $\frac{1}{2}$
Norfolk	191	194
Oklahoma City	266	144
Omaha	58	44
Philadelphia	1402	1018
Phoenix	5	1
Pittsburgh	858	896
Portland	287	387
Providence	197	301
Rochester	100	205
Sacramento	1	0
St. Louis	747	653
Salt Lake City	73	40
San Diego	5	4
San Francisco	46	16
Seattle	48	87
Tampa	-	37
Vallejo	0	0
Washington	187	262
TOTAL	49052	48865

Inspections at Shipping Point
Two Year Comparison

STATE	1938	1939
Alabama	3616	2638
Arizona	14320	14543
Arkansas	1653	1444
California	71887	74802 $\frac{1}{2}$
Colorado	21805 $\frac{1}{2}$	15201 $\frac{1}{2}$
Delaware	653	631
Florida	28152	55976
Georgia	16011	8299
Idaho	40260	40389 $\frac{1}{2}$
Illinois	1318	737 $\frac{1}{2}$
Indiana	1625	814
Iowa	483	466
Kansas	1012	1411 $\frac{1}{2}$
Kentucky	378	383
Louisiana	12349	11601 $\frac{1}{2}$
Maine	27220	24409
Maryland	2556	2208
Massachusetts	120	389
Michigan	14911	17274 $\frac{1}{2}$
Minnesota	14470	11683
Mississippi	6730	5307
Missouri	815	1245
Montana	337	99
Nebraska	6803 $\frac{1}{2}$	1972
Nevada	64	52
New Hampshire	27	27
New Jersey	5654	2776
New York	5194	5290
North Carolina	9268	6639
North Dakota	9534	10641
Ohio	3284	1873
Oklahoma	601	564
Oregon	19841 $\frac{1}{2}$	23078 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pennsylvania	3429	2781
South Carolina	7130	6397
Tennessee	3375	3808
Texas	31964	43927
Utah	2551	3020
Vermont	42	5
Virginia	19267	13484
Washington	33264 $\frac{1}{4}$	32226
West Virginia	2715	2850
Wisconsin	2170	2593 $\frac{1}{2}$
Wyoming	1205 $\frac{1}{2}$	438
TOTAL	450065 $\frac{1}{4}$	456394 $\frac{1}{2}$

OFFICE NOTES:

Mrs. Elinore T. Linderer has returned to the Chicago office of the Canned Fruits Grading Laboratory after an assignment of several weeks at Traverse City, Michigan.

Mr. James C. Bigger is spending several days during the current week at various points in Wisconsin attending conferences of the Wisconsin Cannery Association with respect to the grading of canned peas.

Mr. H.S. Slamp has opened the temporary canned foods grading office at Easton, Maryland, where he will remain pending the arrival of Mr. E.R. Thompson. Mr. Thompson has been inspecting large quantities of canned grapefruit juice in Florida and expects to finish this work about August 19 when he will immediately go to Easton to take charge of that office, enabling Mr. Slamp to return to the Philadelphia office. The Easton office is located at 6 Glenwood Ave., (P.O. Box 706).

During the past week the rush of canned foods grading work in Seattle has been such as to necessitate the shipment of a large volume of canned goods to the Portland office for grading.

Mr. W.A. Hilgeson will leave Washington on August 15 for a period of annual leave during which he will travel to Portland, Oregon where, on September 15, he will open an office from which investigations under the provisions of the Perishable Agricultural Commodities, Produce Agency and Standard Container Acts will be made in the States of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Utah, Nevada and Northern California. This work will be similar to that now being done by Mr. John W. Dykes in the southwestern States from the Los Angeles office.

For the purpose of investigating the necessity of certain revisions in the citrus grades, Mr. R.R. Pailthorp is visiting various points in the State of California. It is expected he will return to Washington about August 20.

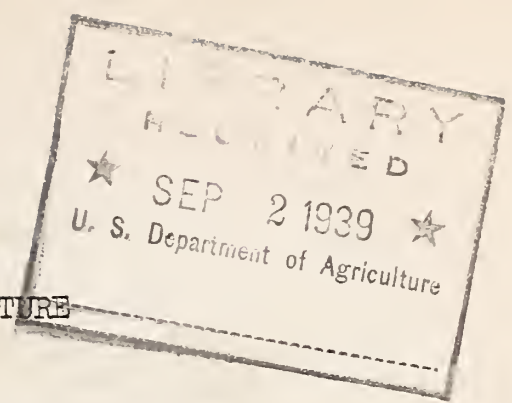
During the period August 14-September 16, Mr. R.M. Ferguson will take charge of the Detroit inspection office while Mr. P.T. Baden is on leave.

Mr. J.H. Hoover will be on leave during the period August 11-September 4.

Mr. Wm. G. Meal, during the current week, is attending the American Institute of Cooperation at Chicago, Illinois and a meeting of the International Apple Shippers Association at Cincinnati, Ohio. On July 18 Mr. Meal will attend and address a meeting of the Potato Growers and Shippers Association to be held at Elizabeth City, North Carolina. On July 21 he will go to Jacksonville, Florida, for the purpose of conferring with State officials relative to the work of our service.

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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION LETTER

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1a. PREPARATION OF PAYROLLS

Attention of employees responsible for the preparation of payrolls is directed to the new procedure in effect in the Office of the Secretary, of issuing advices of personnel actions. These documents are now numbered and the name of the Director of Personnel and the date of issuance of the advice are perforated at the bottom of the form. In indicating this information on payrolls, instructions on page 6 of Payroll Procedure dated December 16, 1937 will be followed except that the number as well as the date of the advice will be indicated.

In case of a new appointment the notation will be:

"Appointment by direction of the Secretary of Agriculture
Action No. 00088, dated July 6, 1939, effective and
entered on duty July 23, 1939. Oath of Office July 23,
1939."

In case of promotion:

"Promotion from \$1800 to \$1860 per annum, effective
July 1, 1939, Action No. 00076 by direction of the
Secretary of Agriculture dated June 30, 1939."

2a. COUNTING AND WEIGHING MAIL

Accompanying this Division Letter, for all offices, is Amendment No. 3 to Administrative Memorandum No. 146, relative to the counting and weighing of mail. This Memorandum supersedes previous memoranda on this subject, adding certain types of material which may be sent without a request having been received for the same. For convenient reference it lists material which may be mailed under the penalty provision without a request and clarifies the classification of official mail. It should be carefully studied.

3a. THE USE OF THE PENALTY (FRANKED) ENVELOPE

Administrative Memorandum No. 171, dated August 12, accompanies this Division Letter for each office. It clearly outlines the use of the penalty (franked) envelope and should be brought to the attention of all employees.

4a. DISPOSAL OF USELESS PAPERS

It again becomes necessary to submit our annual recommendations for the disposal of useless papers. Accordingly, the following are enclosed for the use of each office in connection with the preparation of its recommendations:

1. Administrative Memorandum No. 170, dated August 12, which gives a detailed description of the papers to be included in the recommendations.
2. The National Archives Form C-2.
3. Instructions for Preparing The National Archives Form C-2.

4a. HELP LOCATE JAKE WERNIKOFF AND HENRY GORDON

The Department is desirous of locating Jake Wernikoff and Henry Gordon, who operated to some extent around Fort Myers, Florida, the past season. Any information concerning the whereabouts of these parties should be promptly transmitted to H. A. Spilman.

5a. EFFECTIVE METHOD SUGGESTED FOR REMOVING DECALCOMANIA INSIGNIA

On page 10 of The A.M.S. News of August 15 (erroneously dated August 5) appears an item suggesting a method of removing decalcomania insignia from motor vehicles.

-STANDARDIZATION SERVICE-

1c. CHANGES IN U.S. STANDARDS FOR SAWDUST PACK GRAPES

Under "maturity requirements" as applied to stems, the requirement that "stems have a yellowish green or straw color, or shall have brownish woody seals at the cut ends", was deleted. A requirement for color of stems was added to the U.S. Fancy Grade which provides that "at time of packing the stems shall be distinctly yellowish green or yellow color."

The following changes were made under "Color Requirements":

Black varieties are now considered to be "well colored" when 95 percent of the berries on each bunch shows "characteristic color" instead of "good characteristic color", and under the tolerance 10 percent of the bunches in any container may fail to meet this requirement.

For Red varieties the requirements for "well colored" berries remain the same but restrictions in the 10 percent tolerance for bunches that do not show well colored berries have been deleted. The tolerances now permit 10 percent, by weight, of the bunches in any container to fail to meet the requirement for well colored berries.

No changes were made in the requirements for "fairly well colored" but under "Black Varieties" restrictions in the tolerances for berries that do not show characteristic color were deleted and the tolerances now permit 10 percent, by weight, of the bunches in any container to fail to meet the requirement for berries showing characteristic color. The definition of "characteristic color" for the Ribier variety was changed to read "Ribier grape berries shall be considered as characteristic color when at least 60 percent of the surface is purple to black color, not reddish purple."

2c. CHANGES IN THE U.S. STANDARDS FOR JUICE GRAPES

In U.S. No. 1 grade the requirement that grapes be "well colored" was changed to read "fairly well colored".

Under "Color Requirements for Black Varieties" the definition of "fairly well colored" remains the same as for the former definition of "well colored". However, restrictions in the 10 percent tolerance for bunches not showing characteristic color have been deleted and 10 percent, by weight of the bunches in any container may fail to meet the requirement for bunches showing characteristic color.

Under "Red Varieties" a definition for fairly well colored red grape berries was added which reads "Red grape berries shall be considered fairly well colored when at least 60 percent of the surface shows characteristic color. Light pink, red, dark red or purple are considered characteristic color for red varieties."

3c. CHANGES IN U.S. STANDARDS FOR TABLE GRAPES

In U.S. Fancy Grade "At time of packing" has been added to the requirements for stems of the Emperor and Almeria varieties.

The following changes were made under "Color Requirements":

Under "Well Colored" Black varieties are considered to be "well colored" when 95 percent by count of berries on each bunch show "characteristic color" instead of "good characteristic color." The restriction in the tolerance of 10 percent was also removed and now 10 percent, by weight, of the bunches in any container may fail to meet the requirement for well colored berries.

For "Red Varieties" the requirements for "well colored" berries remains the same but restrictions in the 10 percent tolerances for bunches that do not show well colored berries have been deleted. The tolerances now permit 10 percent, by weight, of the bunches in any container to fail to meet the requirement for well colored berries.

Under "Fairly well colored" for Black Varieties, restrictions in the 10 percent tolerance for berries that do not show characteristic color were deleted and the tolerances now permit 10 percent, by weight, of the bunches in any container to fail to meet the requirements for berries showing characteristic color. In addition "characteristic color" for the Ribier variety is restated as follows: "Ribier grape berries shall be considered as characteristic color when at least 60 percent of the surface is purple to black color, not reddish purple."

4c. CHANGES IN VERMONT APPLE STANDARDS

Effective August 15, 1939, the Vermont apple grades coincide exactly with the Federal Standards except for the addition of the Vermont Extra Fancy Grade which provides a standard of higher quality than U.S. Fancy. The grades known as "Vermont Orchard Run" and "Culls" are discontinued. The classification in the U.S. standards known as "Unclassified" has been adopted to designate fruit not graded or packed in conformity with any of the official grades. The use of either Vermont or United States or any other abbreviation is permitted as a prefix to the grade names, the grade Extra Fancy excepted.

R. R. Pailthorp

TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE

<u>Stations</u>	<u>Mail List</u>	<u>In Charge</u>	<u>Products</u>	<u>First Bulletin</u>	<u>Probably Will Close</u>
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Martinsburg, W. Va.	835-R	R.M.Peterson	Apples	Sept. 7	Nov. 17
Nampa, Idaho	940	R.G.Risser	Fresh Prunes	Aug. 28	Sept. 20
Rocky Ford, Colorado	821-G	A.Stambaugh	Cantaloupes	Aug. 14	Sept. 20
*Rochester, N.Y. 300 Terminal Bldg.	837	J.C.Keller	Apples Cabbage Carrots Celery Grapes Onions Pears Peaches Potatoes	Sept. 5 Sept. 5 Sept. 7 Sept. 5 Sept. 29 Sept. 5 Sept. 5 Sept. 7 Oct. 11	May 20 Feb. 22 May 20 Jan. 3 Oct. 20 April 22 Nov. 4 Sept. 28 May 6
*Waupaca, Wisconsin	894-R	P.A.Nicholson	Potatoes	Sept. 1	March 31
<u>THE FOLLOWING STATIONS CLOSE ON THE DATES INDICATED</u>					
*Centralia, Illinois	939	Walter Lappen	Peaches	Aug. 14	Aug. 25
Milton-Freewater, Oregon	892	R.G.Risser	Fresh Prunes	Aug. 10	Aug. 26
<u>City Hall</u>					
<u>THE FOLLOWING STATION IS EXPECTED TO OPEN ON THE DATE INDICATED</u>					
*Lakeland, Florida P.O. Box 191	920	H.F.Willson	Citrus	Sept. 11	June 15

*State cooperating

R.E.Winfrey in Chicago.
W.D.Googe on leave.
J.B.Owens in Boston. (H.S.Stiles on leave)
S.W.Russell on leave.
V.H.Nicholson in Detroit. (D.L.Smith on leave)
H.F.Willson in Lakeland, Florida.

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Date		Description		Amount	
1900	Jan 1	Balance		100.00	
	Feb 1	Interest		5.00	
	Mar 1	Interest		5.00	
	Apr 1	Interest		5.00	
	May 1	Interest		5.00	
	Jun 1	Interest		5.00	
	Jul 1	Interest		5.00	
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	Sep 1	Interest		5.00	
	Oct 1	Interest		5.00	
	Nov 1	Interest		5.00	
	Dec 1	Interest		5.00	
1901	Jan 1	Balance		100.00	
	Feb 1	Interest		5.00	
	Mar 1	Interest		5.00	
	Apr 1	Interest		5.00	
	May 1	Interest		5.00	
	Jun 1	Interest		5.00	
	Jul 1	Interest		5.00	
	Aug 1	Interest		5.00	
	Sep 1	Interest		5.00	
	Oct 1	Interest		5.00	
	Nov 1	Interest		5.00	
	Dec 1	Interest		5.00	
1902	Jan 1	Balance		100.00	
	Feb 1	Interest		5.00	
	Mar 1	Interest		5.00	
	Apr 1	Interest		5.00	
	May 1	Interest		5.00	
	Jun 1	Interest		5.00	
	Jul 1	Interest		5.00	
	Aug 1	Interest		5.00	
	Sep 1	Interest		5.00	
	Oct 1	Interest		5.00	
	Nov 1	Interest		5.00	
	Dec 1	Interest		5.00	
1903	Jan 1	Balance		100.00	
	Feb 1	Interest		5.00	
	Mar 1	Interest		5.00	
	Apr 1	Interest		5.00	
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	Aug 1	Interest		5.00	
	Sep 1	Interest		5.00	
	Oct 1	Interest		5.00	
	Nov 1	Interest		5.00	
	Dec 1	Interest		5.00	

- INSPECTION SERVICE -

1f. ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS RELATIVE TO EXPORT SHIPMENT OF PEARS TO CANADA

This office has recently been advised by the Canadian Department of Agriculture that Canada will permit an additional destination tolerance for pears, viz., decay not exceeding 3% to March 31st or 5% to June 30th in each year. All inspectors should make this notation in paragraph 4 on page 7 of "Instructions covering the issuance of Export Form Certificates and various sanitary memoranda" which was mailed out with the last D.L.

2f. LISTS OF INSPECTION MARKETS (FPI-8)

Without having been mentioned therein, lists of Inspection Markets (FPI-8) accompanied the Division Letter dated August 11 to each inspector. Additional supplies will be sent upon request to the Washington office.

3f. THE USE OF THE PENALTY-FRANKED ENVELOPE

All supervisors should carefully read the Administrative Memorandum No. 171 enclosed with this D.L. In order to meet the provisions of the Postal Laws and Regulations it is important that all licensed inspectors should be advised of the necessity for careful compliance.

Section 615 (5) of the Postal Laws and Regulations, reads:

"Any department or officer authorized to use the penalty envelopes may enclose them with return address to any person or persons from or through whom official information is desired, the same to be used only to cover such official information, and endorsements relating thereto."

and Section 619 (2) reads:

"Officers desiring official information from or through persons not officers may furnish penalty envelopes or labels to cover the same only with return address printed or written thereon. Where the information is to be forwarded periodically or on more than one occasion the envelopes or labels bearing printed return address may be furnished in quantities for the transmission of such information."

The legal interpretation of these provisions is:

Persons not employees who are licensed by the Department as inspectors or others conducting work of an official nature may use penalty envelopes only when they are furnished by a supervising official, and then only when such penalty envelopes bear a return address printed or written thereon.

THE USE OF THE PENALTY-FRANKED ENVELOPE (cont'd)

Licensed inspectors, not employees of the Department, are not authorized in any case to use penalty envelopes in sending certificates or related material to parties other than employees of the Department.

The penalty envelopes may be used by licensed inspectors for mailing certificates or other official information to Government employees but not to persons who are not employees of the Government. Supervising inspectors being employees of the Government are entitled to use the penalty envelopes not only in sending official information to other employees but to persons who are not employees of the Government.

4f. LEAVING INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING DISPOSITION OF MAIL WHEN OFFICE IS TO BE CLOSED WHILE INSPECTOR IS ON LEAVE

A sample of peanuts was recently sent to one of our offices from which the inspector was absent on annual leave. Apparently the sample was held in the office awaiting the return of the inspector. Full instructions should be given the Post Office relative to mail whenever it is necessary to close an office temporarily. In case the office is shared with some other agency full instructions should be left as to disposition of mail so that no one will be inconvenienced through delay, as in the case in question.

5f. CHARGES FOR INSPECTION WHEN MORE THAN ONE TRIP IS REQUIRED

One of our offices has recently advised that a certain applicant was expecting an examination of a car before it was unloaded, a check during unloading, and a further check of good and bad-order packages after they had been segregated. The applicant was interested in condition only and expected this service for \$2.50.

Paragraph 1, Section 1, of Regulation 7, S.R.A. 93, Second Revision, definitely provides that where the usual charges are either "inadequate or inequitable" charges may be made on an hourly, a package, or a poundage basis. Where additional services of the kind mentioned above are requested the usual fee of \$2.50 should be charged for the first trip and subsequent trips should be charged for on an hourly basis. The inspector should use discretion in making additional charges of this kind, it frequently being possible to make such additional examinations in connection with other inspections with but little, if any, loss of time.

6f. PLEASE DEDUCT FROM THE LIST OF PAST DUE ACCOUNTS

David I. Peterson	Edinburg, Texas	\$1.00
Dublin Produce Company	Brooklyn, N.Y.	5.00

ORIGINAL ARTICLES

THE EFFECT OF VITAMIN C ON THE URINARY EXCRETION OF URIC ACID

BY DR. J. H. HARRIS, JR., AND DR. J. H. HARRIS, JR.

The purpose of this study was to determine the effect of vitamin C on the urinary excretion of uric acid. The study was conducted in a double-blind, randomized, controlled trial. The subjects were 20 healthy men who were randomly assigned to two groups: a control group and a treatment group. The control group received a placebo, and the treatment group received 1000 mg of vitamin C daily for 14 days. The urinary excretion of uric acid was measured at baseline and at the end of the study. The results showed that the treatment group had a significantly higher urinary excretion of uric acid compared to the control group.

The results of this study suggest that vitamin C may have a beneficial effect on the urinary excretion of uric acid. This finding is important because hyperuricemia is a risk factor for gout and other conditions. Further studies are needed to confirm these results and to determine the optimal dose of vitamin C for the treatment of hyperuricemia. The study was limited by the small number of subjects and the short duration of the treatment. However, the results are promising and warrant further investigation.

In conclusion, this study found that vitamin C significantly increased the urinary excretion of uric acid in healthy men. This finding supports the hypothesis that vitamin C may be useful in the management of hyperuricemia. The study was well-designed and the results are statistically significant. Further research is needed to explore the mechanisms of action of vitamin C and to determine its long-term effects on uric acid metabolism.

The authors thank the following individuals for their assistance in the study: Dr. J. H. HARRIS, JR., and Dr. J. H. HARRIS, JR. The study was supported by a grant from the National Institutes of Health. The authors have no conflicts of interest. The study was conducted in accordance with the ethical standards of the Institutional Review Board. The results of the study are presented in the following table:

Group	Urinary Excretion of Uric Acid (mg/day)
Control	100 ± 10
Treatment	150 ± 10

7f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Arkansas reports wire Labe Dean, Nashville, Arkansas.

For Illinois peach reports wire M.A.Russell, 117 $\frac{1}{2}$ North Locust St.,
Centralia, Illinois.

For Indiana onion and potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection
Service, Warsaw, Indiana.

For Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Gibbon,
Nebraska.

For New Jersey potatoes wire R.H. vonGlahn, Hightstown, New Jersey.

For Oklahoma reports wire W.B. Renfro, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

For Virginia apple reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,
417 North Cameron St., Winchester, Va.

For Virginia sweet potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection
Service, Onley, Va.

For West Virginia peach and apple reports wire J.J.Gardner, Federal-
State Inspection Service, Martinsburg, W.Va.

Robert Bier

TOTAL SHIPPING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING JULY, 1939.
(l.c.l.'s reduced to carlot equivalents).

State	Carlot or Carlot Equiv.	State	Carlot or Carlot Equiv.
Alabama	28	Minnesota	17
Arizona	17	Mississippi	241
Arkansas	823	Nebraska	57
California	7455	New York	24-1/3
Colorado	401	North Carolina	1162
Delaware	233	Ohio	242
Florida	1777	Oklahoma	120-2/3
Georgia	3773	Oregon	708 $\frac{1}{2}$
Idaho	865 $\frac{1}{2}$	South Carolina	4692
Indiana	92	Texas	192
Iowa	189	Utah	143*
Kansas	420	Virginia	2784
Kentucky	61	Washington	1368
Louisiana	393	West Virginia	44 $\frac{1}{2}$
Michigan	320	TOTAL	28,643 $\frac{1}{2}$

* There were 488 trucklots aggregating 5,024,562 pounds of various fruits and vegetables inspected under State Regulatory Acts.

The following reports not yet received: Illinois, Maryland, Missouri, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Wisconsin.

Inspections for F.S.C.C. not included in the above - California 375.

RECEIVING POINT INSPECTION DURING JULY, 1939.

Total		Same Month		Total		Same Month	
Markets	Inspections	Last Year	Markets	Inspections	Last Year	Markets	Inspections
Albany	24	5	Minneapolis	32	12		
Atlanta	13	12	Newark	38	14		
Baltimore	24	20	New Haven	36	25		
Boston	320	133	New Orleans	119	104		
Buffalo	145	58	New York	459	373		
Chicago	166	157	Norfolk	9	16		
Cincinnati	23	18	Oklahoma City	3	5		
Cleveland	186	164	Philadelphia	83	71		
Columbus	46	46	Pittsburgh	106	136		
Denver	20	30	Portland	26	47		
Detroit	211	36	Rochester	18	19		
East Providence	28	39	St. Louis	54	78		
Fort Worth	8	5	Salt Lake City	0	1		
Harrisburg	0	2	San Francisco	71	1		
Hartford	59	48	Seattle	67	3		
Houston	130	79	Washington, D.C.	109	119		
Indianapolis	5	9	TOTAL	2808	2025		
Jacksonville	59	32	Total fees assessed for		Total last		
Kansas City	50	69	July, 1939, \$10,277.45		year \$9,265.04		
Los Angeles	3	2	2084 cars inspected for Western Perishable Carload Receivers' Assn., New York City.				
Memphis	3	-					
Milwaukee	55	37					

INSPECTIONS OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FOR USE BY VARIOUS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES

(All figures represent fruits and vegetables in pounds)

July, 1939										
Cities	Navy	Hospitals	Veterans'	Quar-	Marine &	Coast	Public	State	County	City
Baltimore	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Boston	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chicago	-	11,370	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Great Lakes	284,635	66,180	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles	-	360,609	4,530	-	-	-	13,227	45,666	-	-
Memphis	-	17,325	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Milwaukee	-	108,507	-	-	-	-	-	140,850	-	-
Newark	5,475	110,116	-	-	-	-	-	148,787	-	-
New York	210,035	75,289	54,463	57,692	212,833	20,549	431,865	1,450,939	-	-
Norfolk	343,896	-	-	38,734	-	-	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia	137,344	54,493	16,101	-	-	-	-	68,485	-	-
Pittsburgh	-	25,008	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Portland	134,780	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. Louis	-	33,585	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Diego	1,466,650	-	174,638	6,532	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Francisco	1,384,453	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vallejo	412,837	-	21,598	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Washington, D.C.	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,421	-	-	-

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TOTAL 4,380,105 862,482 271,330 102,958 212,833 46,197 1,158,261 1,455,316

GRAND TOTAL 8,489,482

Reports for San Pedro and P.W.A. San Diego not received.

OFFICE NOTES:

Mr. E.R.Thompson is now in charge of the temporary canned foods grading office at Easton, Maryland, relieving Mr. H.S. Slamp, who has returned to the Philadelphia office.

During the week of August 28 a series of apple grading demonstrations will be conducted in several fruit growing counties of Vermont by Mr. W.F. Plummer of our Boston office.

Mr. Paul M. Williams, who has been traveling since August 14 through the mid-western states, returned to his desk today.

The Sacramento, California office, W.F.Allewelt in charge, has moved to 1422 Ninth Street, Sacramento. Mr. Allewelt advises, however, that their mailing address continues to be the State Office Building.

Mr. H.C.McCoy, Mr. Hunter S. Moles, Mr. C.E. Partridge and Mr. W.W. Anderson, have been recent visitors in the Washington office, each being on leave.

Mr. F.G.Robb left Washington on August 20, for a period of about eight weeks, during which he will go to various points in the States of Illinois, Ohio, Colorado, Utah, California, Oregon, Washington and Idaho for the purpose of conferring with members of the Service and with State officials relative to the inspection activities of the Division.

Mr. William G. Meal, who is out of the city on official business, is expected to return to his desk on August 28.

In connection with the supervision of the market news work Mr. B.C. Boree will leave Washington on August 30, for a period of about six weeks, visiting various points in the States of Illinois, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, California, Colorado, Texas, Kansas, Missouri and Ohio.

Effective about September 15 Mr. W.W.Morrison, of the Chicago inspection office, will be detailed for a period of about six months to the Grades and Standards Project of the Division for the purpose of making investigations relative to the suitability of some of the present grades for use by consumers. Incident to this assignment Mr. Louie V. Bryant, who, for the past several weeks has been working on a special assignment for the canned foods inspection service at Traverse City, Michigan, will be given an appointment at Chicago to assist with the inspection work there.

The first of these is the fact that the United States is a young nation, and its history is therefore a history of growth and development. It is a history of the struggle for independence, of the struggle for a more perfect union, and of the struggle for the rights of the individual. It is a history of the great men and women who have shaped the destiny of the nation, and of the great events which have marked its progress. It is a history of the triumph of the American spirit, and of the realization of the American dream.

The second of these is the fact that the United States is a nation of immigrants. It is a nation of people who have come from all over the world, and who have brought with them their own customs, their own languages, and their own traditions. It is a nation of people who have fused their own with the American, and who have created a new and unique American identity. It is a nation of people who have made the United States what it is today, and who have made it a place where people from all over the world can find a home.

The third of these is the fact that the United States is a nation of ideas. It is a nation of people who have created the great ideas of the American Revolution, of the American Constitution, and of the American Declaration of Independence. It is a nation of people who have created the great ideas of the American Dream, of the American Spirit, and of the American Way of Life. It is a nation of people who have made the United States what it is today, and who have made it a place where people from all over the world can find a home.

The fourth of these is the fact that the United States is a nation of progress. It is a nation of people who have created the great inventions of the American Revolution, of the American Constitution, and of the American Declaration of Independence. It is a nation of people who have created the great inventions of the American Dream, of the American Spirit, and of the American Way of Life. It is a nation of people who have made the United States what it is today, and who have made it a place where people from all over the world can find a home.

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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION LETTER

Not for publication

World-wide events of the recent past and the outbreak of war in Europe have caused many people to focus their attention on farm commodities and the varied services of the Department of Agriculture affecting these food supplies. This situation has been expressed in greatly increased calls to the Department for information regarding supplies and price movements.

We have been witnessing upswings in prices for many staple food articles during the past few days. Many persons seem to forget, temporarily at least, that the supply situation has not been changed materially over that of two weeks ago when the large supplies were considered in terms of unwieldy surpluses. This turn in economic action by many people well demonstrates the swiftness with which popular sentiment may change.

In view of these unusual conditions there is greater need than ever for us, as individuals, to maintain a proper perspective on the entire situation. Besides this responsibility as citizens, we also have a larger one in conducting our work under prevailing conditions. Our responsibility in this respect is best stated in the following communication from Mr. C.W. Kitchen, our Chief, that is to appear in the current issue of the AMS News.

"Representatives of the AMS probably are receiving many inquiries as to the probable effect of the war in Europe on the production, demand, and prospective course of prices for various farm products. In our informational work, as well as other activities, we should carefully avoid expressing opinions on such matters. In our market reports and market reviews we should report facts and current happenings as accurately and promptly as we can ascertain them. Interpretative analyses of current and historical information should not be attempted. Such analyses should be left to other agencies which are better equipped for such work.

"It is suggested this course be followed in oral answers to inquiries as well as in the preparation of information for public release because of the tendency on the part of most persons to make little, if any, distinction between personal and official opinions or statements. This suggestion is consistent with the principles underlying the development of our service and regulatory activities and represents no change in policy. This comment is made at this time merely as a reminder of our long established policy in such matters because of unusual conditions and wide-spread public interest in such questions."

Present conditions emphasize the importance of adhering strictly to this policy.

W.G. Neal

-MARKET NEWS SERVICE-

1b. COLORADO PEACHES, PEAS AND CAULIFLOWER

The Palisade peach harvest will be practically over this week-end, but will be lighter than at first anticipated. Approximately 1300 carloads of peaches had moved by rail through August 31st. Tonnage moving by trucks has been heavy this season but statistics are not available as yet to establish a comparison with last year's truck volume.

Demand slowed sharply at mid-week on Colorado peaches due to the approaching Labor Day Holiday, attended by a drop of 10¢ per bushel and 5¢ per box.

The movement of Colorado peas will continue until frost, and unless frost should curtail the movement, probably 100 cars will move after September 1st. Prices have advanced recently reaching a top of \$1.20 per hamper this week.

Colorado has been loading practically the entire United States cauliflower movement, with occasional cars from New York. Prices have declined 15-20¢ per crate in the past week. (Bryce Morris, 9/1/39)

2b. IDAHO POTATOES AND FRESH PRUNES

We are having another rather difficult fresh prune season as the shippers and growers in Oregon and Washington have had a larger crop to move than they had expected. The crop in Idaho is also materially larger than last season. Heavy combined track holdings and numerous cars rolling unsold are having their effect upon the market.

We expect the heaviest movement during the first half of September and we now think that the season will be so near finished by September 20th that we will be able to close here at that time. The potato movement may gradually increase at certain points but much depends upon the weather and the market, especially upon the date of the first killing frosts over the districts. (Ralph G. Risser, 9/1/39)

3b. On August 30, there were mailed to each market news office and temporary field station, copies of an announcement by the Civil Service Commission relative to an examination for Junior Marketing Specialist to be held the week of September 18.

TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE

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			Berries	Aug. 1	Aug. 25
			Grapes	Sept. 25	Oct. 14
			Onions	Sept. 12	Oct. 31
			Pears	Aug. 22	Oct. 19
			Peaches	Aug. 15	Sept. 20
			Potatoes	Oct. 3	Oct. 31
*Fresno, Calif. Holland Bldg.	919	A.M.McDowell	Grapes	July 31	Nov. 10
*Lakeland, Florida P.O. Box 191	920	H.F.Willson	Citrus	Sept. 11	June 15
Martinsburg, W.Va.	(835-R)	R.M.Peterson	Apples	Sept. 12	Nov. 17
Nampa, Idaho	940	R.G.Risser	Fresh Prunes	Aug. 28	Sept. 20
*Presque Isle, Maine Federal Bldg.	(842-R)	S.W.Russell	Potatoes	Sept. 17	May 20
Rocky Ford, Colorado	(821-G)	A.Stambaugh	Cantaloupes	Aug. 14	Sept. 20
*Rochester, N.Y. 300 Terminal Bldg.	837	J.C.Keller	Apples	Sept. 5	May 20
			Cabbage	Sept. 5	Feb. 22
			Carrots	Sept. 7	May 20
			Celery	Sept. 5	Jan. 3
			Grapes	Sept. 29	Oct. 20
			Onions	Sept. 5	April 22
			Pears	Sept. 5	Nov. 4
			Peaches	Sept. 7	Sept. 28
			Potatoes	Oct. 11	May 6
*Waupaca, Wisconsin Court House	(894-R)	P.A.Nicholson	Potatoes	Sept. 1	March 31

*State cooperating

R.E.Winfrey in Ft. Worth, Texas.

J.B.Owens in New Orleans.

V.H.Nicholson in Detroit. (D.L.Smith on leave)

-INSPECTION SERVICE-

1f. COPIES OF SCHEDULES

The following is a memorandum issued by the Business Manager under date of August 24.

"Numerous complaints have been received from the Treasury Department, and also from the Office of Budget and Finance of this Department, relative to the legibility of carbon copies of Schedules of Collections and Schedules of Transfers - Special Deposits prepared in the various divisional or field offices. These complaints have increased in number recently and this condition must be corrected. It is requested that the Divisions exercise greater care in the preparation of these schedules and examine carefully all copies received from their field offices and replace illegible copies.

"It is essential in the preparation of all schedules that first carbons be used and that the schedules be prepared on a typewriter that is capable of producing the required number of copies of schedules clearly. In order to insure that clear copies are transmitted to the offices referred to, it will be necessary that all copies of the schedules transmitted to the Fiscal Office be carefully examined for legibility. In the event these copies are not clear, they will be returned to the Divisions for retyping. Where field offices are at fault in the preparation of their schedules, it is requested that appropriate instructions be issued to these offices in order that properly prepared schedules will be received in the Washington office.

"Your cooperation in this matter is requested."

2f. OH YES REGISTERED BRANDS - SEASON 1939-1940

Information has been received that the Earl Fruit Company has registered their Oh Yes Brand for apples with the Washington State Department of Agriculture for the season 1939-40. The Blue Labels of this brand will carry the specifications of Washington Extra Fancy grade except that in all red or striped varieties the minimum color shall not be less than ten per cent in excess of the Washington Extra Fancy requirements. The Red Labels carry the specifications of the Washington State Fancy grade except that in all red or striped varieties the minimum color shall not be less than ten per cent in excess of the minimum specified for the Washington Fancy grade. The Yellow Labels are to conform to all of the requirements of the "C" grade in the Washington standards, but in addition will contain fruit of a Fancy grade which falls below the requirements of the Red Label grade.

3f. ENCLOSURE

Part I of the Receiving Market Handbook, dated September 15, 1939, accompanies this D.L. for each market inspector.

4f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Arkansas reports wire Labe Dean, Nashville, Arkansas.

For Indiana onion and potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,
Warsaw, Indiana.

For Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Gibbon, Nebraska.

For Oklahoma reports wire W.B. Renfro, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

For Virginia apple reports wire D.S. Matheson, 417 North Cameron St.,
Winchester, Va.

For Virginia sweet potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,
Onley, Va.

For West Virginia apple reports wire J.J. Gardner, Federal-State Inspection
Service, Martinsburg, W.Va.

Robert Bier

-STANDARDIZATION SERVICE-

1c. CHANGES IN U.S. STANDARDS FOR CITRUS

Copies of the revised U.S. Standards, effective September 15, 1939 have been mailed to all inspectors and the following changes should be noted:

In all grades the question of oil spots is considered in connection with green spots.

Two new grades, U.S. No. 1 Golden, and U.S. Combination Russet have been added.

The requirements regarding discoloration have been changed in U.S. No. 1 Bronze, U.S. No. 2, U.S. Combination, and U.S. No. 2 Russet. It is hoped that these changes will tend to secure more uniformity in packing, especially the U.S. No. 2, and U.S. Combination grades by requiring that a U.S. No. 2 fruit cannot have more than two-thirds discoloration.

Changes have also been made in the following definitions in order to clarify or make the meaning more specific: 6a, 8, 10d, 10i, 10j, 11, 15b, 15e, 15j, 15k, 15L, 18a, and 18e. What was formerly definition 18k has been changed to 18j and the old definition 18n is now 18m. Slight changes have been made in these two definitions.

R.R. Pailthorp

OFFICE NOTES

F.E.Kast is in the Buffalo office relieving K.W. Schaible who will be on leave until September 16.

D.S. Matheson, of the New York City inspection office, visited the Washington office on September 2 en route to Winchester, Virginia, where he will supervise the shipping point inspection of apples for approximately two months.

T.C.Curry is making investigations under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act at Indianapolis, Indiana, Clarksburg, West Virginia and Winchester, Va. Similarly, W.H. Steinbauer is making investigations at Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio and Detroit, Michigan.

Herbert Graff, of the Washington inspection office, is on leave during the period August 31-September 18.

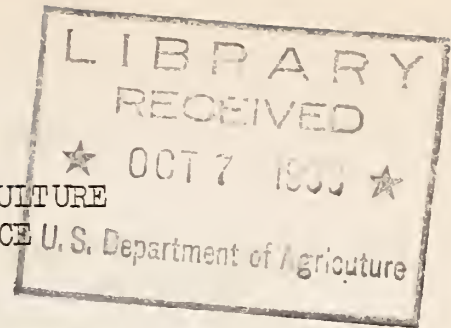
Wm. E. Lewis will go to Florida about September 12 for a period of approximately seven weeks during which time he will make a study of grades for citrus.

J.B. Owens was in the Washington office on September 9 en route to New Orleans where he will assist with the work of the market news office for approximately one week after which he will go on leave for approximately three weeks.

A meeting of the Supervisory Inspectors from Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Maryland, and Virginia will be held at Martinsburg, W.Va. on September 12, 1939, to discuss the problems relating to the inspection of apples. Questions relating to grades and to inspections in the four States will be discussed. The following are expected to attend: Messrs. R.R.Pailthorp, G.R.Blount, D.M.James, J.J. Gardner and D.S.Matheson.

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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION LETTER

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1a. HOURS OF DUTY - WASHINGTON.

Effective October 2 the Washington offices of the Division will revert to regular hours of duty - 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays and 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

2a. REPORT REQUIRED ON CIVIL SERVICE CERTIFICATES FOR FIELD APPOINTMENTS

Mr. F. J. Hughes, our Business Manager, issued the following quoted Memorandum (Administrative No. 180) under date of September 14:

"It has recently come to the attention of the Administrative Office in connection with recommendations for appointment from certificates issued by District Civil Service Managers that all names certified by the District Manager are not reported on to the Washington office as to selection, declination, consideration, or otherwise. This is more generally the case when a selection is made from a supplemental or amended certificate issued by the District Manager, for in such cases the original certificate is usually retained by the District Manager and only the amended or supplemental certificate from which the appointment is finally made is forwarded with the nomination of appointment.

"In the future when selection for appointment is made from an amended or supplemental certificate, the local field representative should attach to the nomination of appointment a complete report over his official signature, indicating the disposition of each eligible certified by the District Manager. In each case where an eligible is passed over by a consideration or objection and a person is selected whose name appears below the person or persons considered, a detailed statement shall be furnished indicating the reasons why the person or persons considered were not recommended for appointment.

"This new procedure will be initiated immediately by local field representatives, and any cases submitted that do not meet the above requirements will be returned for the necessary information."

3a. FILLING OF POSITIONS BY TRANSFERS

Under date of August 22, 1939, the following Memorandum (No. P-38) was issued by the Department Director of Personnel:

"Bureau personnel officials and this office very frequently receive applications from employees within the Department who are anxious to transfer to positions in or near their home states. Many of these applicants, where positions are filled through Civil Service, are only eligible for positions which are ordinarily filled through the District Civil Service Managers. Therefore, little can be done to assist applicants for transfer as this office does not know of field vacancies of this type until recommendations have been received in the central office of personnel for the appointments of persons selected to fill the vacancies.

"It would be impractical, of course, for bureaus in all cases to secure information concerning every vacancy in the field, as many of these are routine and can be filled quite satisfactorily from existing registers. There is always the possibility, however, of capitalizing on experience gained by persons who have given entirely satisfactory services elsewhere, and who would appreciate the opportunity of being considered for field vacancies in areas where they are anxious to go either by transfer from other field headquarters or from Washington. Any steps in that direction in general will contribute to (1) advancement of the promotions-from-within-program, (2) advancement of the career service based on merit, and (3) improvement of employee morale generally, by broadening the scope of opportunity.

"This office will, therefore, without in any way requiring it, welcome any requests for eligibles for vacancies it is possible for field officers to submit, especially those where well trained personnel is required and where there is no one in the field office where the vacancy exists who is eligible for promotion. Your cooperation will be appreciated."

With reference to the above quoted Memorandum, should our local field representatives desire to take advantage of the suggestions contained in the third paragraph, such requests should be submitted through the office of Mrs. Mills.

-MARKET NEWS SERVICE-

1b. TRANSFER OF TEMPORARY FIELD EQUIPMENT

Since the transfer of temporary field equipment is an intra-divisional transaction and since the Report of Transfer of Property Form No. AD-107 is not numbered by our Procurement Officer, we are outlining below the procedure for handling this particular type of transfer only:

- 1 - The transferring officer should prepare and sign one original and three copies.
- 2 - Mail original and all copies to the receiving officer for signature.
- 3 - The receiving officer should mail one signed copy (or the original) to the transferring officer - two copies to Mrs. Mills, Washington - and retain one copy for his files.

This in no way affects the handling of property transfer forms when the article or articles are other than temporary field equipment and the words TEMPORARY FIELD EQUIPMENT should be placed in some conspicuous place on the Form AD-107.

2b. POTOMAC YARD PASSINGS - PERIOD SEPTEMBER, 1938 THROUGH AUGUST, 1939.

Approximately 55 varieties of perishable commodities were forwarded to northern markets through Potomac Yard, Virginia, during the period of September 1, 1938 - August 31, 1939, representing a total of 69,766 cars. This was 1,563 cars less than the passings for the corresponding period in 1937-38 but 5,867 cars more than the five year average of 1934-39. The decrease from the previous season was due to marked drops in passings of most commodities except citrus fruits. Oranges and Grapefruit showed increases of 3,051 and 2,004 cars respectively while Mixed Citrus increased 1,564 cars. The commodities showing decreases in passings are Beans, Cabbage, Celery, Peaches, Tomatoes and Watermelons, with losses ranging from 87 cars for Peaches to 1,927 cars for Tomatoes. Potato passings increased 691 cars and almost equalled the number of cars passing in 1936-37.

3b. MARKETING OF CALIFORNIA GRAPES PROVES INTERESTING

Shipments of California grapes to date total 10,732 cars, approximately 2,600 more than at the same time last year. Most of the difference is found in the black juice classification, of which 2,558 cars have been shipped, compared with 1,025 a year ago. White juice shipments, which are well under way, total 516 cars, compared with 174 at the same time last season. About 700 cars more of table stock have been shipped than a year ago. The Tokay movement, particularly, is well ahead of last season, almost 650 cars more having been

shipped. Thompson Seedless shipments are about 300 cars ahead of last season, but about 100 cars less of Malagas and of Red Malagas have been shipped. The Red Malaga season is practically over, but the Malaga movement will probably continue for another six weeks or so.

Supplies of good Thompson Seedless are beginning to become scarce and most of the remaining crops are in the hands of grower-shippers. After having dropped to an 11-year low average of \$1.03 on the auctions during the week ending September 2, the price recovered to \$1.17 on the following week and to \$1.32 last week. With the advance in price, demand picked up and loadings increased considerably, and heavier offerings on the auctions the last two days have resulted in lower prices. The f.o.b. demand, however, has been good and the local market has strengthened slightly. There has been very little interest in Malagas so far, but with Thompsons starting to clean up, some shippers are hoping that Malagas may begin to show a little action in the near future.

The Tokay deal so far has been rather disappointing. In spite of the fact that prices at shipping point fell a little below last year's level, there has been only a very slow to a fair demand. However, a very slight improvement has been noted during the last day or two. Quality in the Lodi section has been good, but some crops were picked a little too soon for best color. In the Florin section, the grapes attained their sugar early but failed to color satisfactorily and there has been very little f.o.b. demand for grapes from this district. Most of the Florin grapes have been rolled for delivered sales.

The Emperor deal has been thrown into more or less confusion since the start of the European war. Ordinarily, a large part of the crop of this variety, unofficially estimated at from 15 to 20 percent, is exported, mostly to Europe. Most of the sales made on advance contracts have been cancelled and it is apparent that under present conditions the crop will have to be marketed almost entirely within the United States and Canada. The crop is reported to be somewhat lighter than last year, but quality is said to be rather ordinary. Harvesting of Emperors will probably not get under way until about the middle of October.

The juice situation has been rather unusual all season and is even more so with recent developments in Muscats. There has been a fairly good to active demand for growers' crops almost all season, but as a result of continued hot weather in the eastern markets there has been very little demand from consumers for grapes for wine making.

Prices received on early sales in the terminals were not encouraging, but the undertone at shipping point has been firm with a gradual tendency toward higher prices to growers. The season here is a little earlier than last year and in addition, many growers have insisted that their crops be handled by the buyers promptly and the contracts liquidated. In order to avoid having too many grapes arrive on the markets before the weather turned cool enough for satisfactory wine making, a large part of the juice shipments have been placed on the so-called "slow" schedule, with delivery in most eastern markets from 17 to 19 days following billing.

About two weeks ago most shippers were offering growers around \$10.00 per ton for Muscats, picked and delivered at the shipper's loading shed, the shipper furnishing the lugs. About the same time a group of wineries, with bank cooperation, got together and soon announced a price of \$12.00 vineyard run, delivered at the winery. By the end of last week, shippers were paying \$15.00, and by today, after the winery price was advanced to \$15.00 yesterday, shippers were paying as high as \$17.50 for stock suitable for shipment. Although today was the first there was any real inquiry from the East, there has been more or less of a scramble among shippers and wineries for supplies. Some difficulties are being experienced by shippers with growers whose crops had been purchased at the lower prices and the reports that growers are failing to deliver are fairly common. For this reason, some shippers are hesitant about confirming blocks of cars.

Comparatively few juice grapes, however, are being sold on an f.o.b. basis. Most of the juice stock is either rolled by the shipper for delivered sales, auction or private, or goes out on guaranteed advances, partly consignment and partly joint account.

A development of the season has been the trend toward selling cars on a delivered basis. Early in the season some trading was taking place on this basis at prices slightly above the prevailing level for cars sold cash track or California acceptance, with generally satisfactory results as there were very few complaints of poor delivery. During a period of very slow demand during late August and early September, this spread in price disappeared and for a time most of the few sales confirmed were on a delivered basis. Even with the improved demand of the last week or two, a large part of the sales are being made on a delivered basis. This is not so much the case in the Lodi section, where the most common method of selling is f.o.b. cash track; some sales have been made there on a delivered basis, but usually at slightly above the cash price. Occasional sales of juice stock are being confirmed on a delivered basis.

Exceptionally heavy rains in the Imperial Valley have interfered with planting the early lettuce crop and unless weather conditions during the next three months are favorable for bringing the crop along rapidly, the season will probably not get started as early as usual. The average annual rainfall in the Imperial Valley is around three inches, but approximately twice that much fell in one storm around the first of the month within a period of 24 hours, followed by an inch or so more a few days later. The rains came just about the time the fields were being prepared for planting, and were expected to result in at least a ten-day delay.

In the Salt River Valley of Arizona about three inches of rain fell early in the month just as seeding was being started and subsequent showers have caused further delays in planting the crop in that district. However, these rains, together with earlier rains which fell in the mountains surrounding the district and which ran off into the irrigation reservoirs, were believed to have eliminated the danger of a serious water shortage. (A. M. McDowell, 9/19/39).

FIVE-YEAR SUMMARY OF POTOMAC YARD PASSINGS WITH
FIVE-YEAR AVERAGES OF CERTAIN FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

	<u>1934-35</u>	<u>1935-36</u>	<u>1936-37</u>	<u>1937-38</u>	<u>1938-39</u>	<u>5 Yr. Tot.</u>	<u>5 Yr. Avg.</u>
September	98	46	--	*486	747	1377	275
October	907	1512	1567	3232	2286	9504	1901
November	2021	1865	4433	3939	4628	16886	3377
December	3122	2688	5240	4902	5586	21538	4308
January	2638	3940	7483	5612	6630	26303	5261
February	3622	4560	5712	6292	6666	26852	5370
March	5441	6001	6164	8920	7210	33736	6747
April	7831	6400	6954	10731	8180	40096	8019
May	8170	8777	7850	10709	10127	45633	9127
June	11144	8769	9645	8650	8868	47076	9415
July	10034	9191	8250	7254	7214	41943	8389
August	<u>1635</u>	<u>2594</u>	<u>2097</u>	<u>602</u>	<u>1624</u>	<u>8552</u>	<u>1710</u>
	56663	56343	65395	71329	69766	319496	63899

* beginning with September 12, 1937

COMMODITIES

Beans	4615	3330	4457	4136	3109	19647	3920
Cabbage	3280	3021	3600	4714	2831	17446	3489
Celery	3798	3978	5031	4266	4171	21244	4249
Grapefruit	1698	2470	6318	5238	7242	22966	4593
Mixed Citrus	507	576	2310	2780	4344	10517	2103
Oranges	4694	6407	8971	12847	15898	48817	9763
Peaches	8194	6648	4423	6614	5527	31406	6281
Potatoes	3934	4364	6854	5758	6449	27359	5472
Tomatoes	5008	5008	4638	7283	5356	27293	5459
Watermelons	9952	8210	9262	6996	5678	40098	8020
Other F. & V.	<u>10983</u>	<u>12331</u>	<u>9531</u>	<u>10697</u>	<u>9161</u>	<u>52703</u>	<u>10541</u>
	56663	56343	65395	71329	69766	319496	63899

MONTHLY SUMMARY OF POTOMAC YARD PASSINGS OF CERTAIN FRUITS AND VEGETABLES
1938-39 SEASON

COMMODITIES	Sept. 1938	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan. 1939	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Total
Beans	-	201	719	506	345	232	154	512	332	106	2	-	3109
Cabbage	-	-	147	215	305	451	534	776	384	1	7	11	2831
Celery	-	-	1	48	463	966	892	816	891	93	1	-	4171
Grapefruit	443	835	708	536	674	646	833	1055	882	467	113	50	7242
Mixed Citrus	7	132	505	705	775	705	586	427	255	159	75	13	4344
Oranges	7	731	1559	2053	2114	1852	2169	1780	1715	1299	551	68	15898
Peaches	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	104	1334	2782	1307	5527
Potatoes	-	-	-	39	81	193	70	360	2944	2695	66	1	6449
Tomatoes	-	12	101	125	260	517	1073	1520	1204	471	73	-	5356
Watermelons	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	442	1708	3398	129	5678
Other Fruits & Vegetables	290	375	888	1359	1613	1104	899	933	974	535	146	45	9161
	747	2286	4628	5586	6630	6666	7210	8180	10127	8868	7214	1624	69766

H.J. Clay

TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE

<u>Stations</u>	<u>Mail List</u>	<u>In Charge</u>	<u>Products</u>	<u>First Bulletin</u>	<u>Probably Will Close</u>
*Benton Harbor, Michigan 205 P. O. Bldg.	838	R.E.Keller	Apples Berries Grapes Onions Pears Peaches Potatoes	Aug. 1 Aug. 1 Sept. 25 Sept. 12 Aug. 22 Aug. 15 Oct. 3	Oct. 31 Aug. 25 Oct. 14 Oct. 31 Oct. 19 Sept. 25 Oct. 31
*Fresno, Calif. Holland Bldg.	919	A.M.McDowell	Grapes	July 31	Nov. 10
*Lakeland, Florida P. O. Box 191	920	H.F.Willson	Citrus	Sept. 11	June 15
Martinsburg, W. Va.	(835-R)	R.M.Peterson	Apples	Sept. 12	Nov. 17
*Presque Isle, Maine Federal Bldg.	(842-R)	S.W.Russell	Potatoes	Sept. 17	May 20
*Rochester, N.Y. 300 Terminal Bldg.	837	J.C.Keller	Apples Cabbage Carrots Celery Grapes Onions Pears Peaches Potatoes	Sept. 5 Sept. 5 Sept. 7 Sept. 5 Sept. 25 Sept. 5 Sept. 5 Sept. 7 Oct. 11	May 20 Feb. 22 May 20 Jan. 3 Oct. 20 April 22 Nov. 4 Sept. 28 May 6
*Waupaca, Wisconsin <u>Court House</u>	(894-R)	P.A.Nicholson	Potatoes	Sept. 1	March 31

THE FOLLOWING STATIONS CLOSE ON THE DATES INDICATED

Nampa, Idaho	940	R.G.Risser	Fresh Prunes	Aug. 28	Sept. 20
Rocky Ford, Colorado	(821-G)	A.Stambaugh	Cantaloupes	Aug. 14	Sept. 27

THE FOLLOWING STATIONS WILL OPEN ON THE DATES INDICATED

Idaho Falls, Idaho 206 Federal Bldg.	(845-R)	R.G.Risser	Potatoes	Sept. 25	April 13
Weslaco, Texas	931	R.E.Winfrey	Citrus	Oct. 16	May 15

*State cooperating

J. B. Owens on leave.

V. H. Nicholson on leave.

-INSPECTION SERVICE-

1f CHANGE IN WORDING OF MEMORANDUM NO. 76 ENTITLED "CHANGES OF POLICY AGREED TO AT WASHINGTON CONFERENCE APRIL 11-14, 1939"

In order to further clarify Memorandum No. 76, entitled "Changes of Policy Agreed to at Conference, Washington, D. C., April 11-14, 1939", the wording of the last paragraph on Page 3 is changed as follows:

In line 5 of last paragraph on page 3 change "Inspection and certificate restricted to product only, and to accessible portion of load consisting of upper -- layers" to read "Inspection and certificate restricted to product in the upper -- layers." This is to be used when the report is restricted only as to product.

In line 8 of last paragraph on page 3 change "Inspection and certificate restricted to accessible portion of load consisting of upper -- layers" to read "Inspection and certificate restricted to product and lading in the upper -- layers." This to be used when the entire report is restricted to a certain portion of the load.

2f BACTERIAL RING ROT OF POTATOES

Market inspectors should watch for the decay of potatoes described as Bacterial Ring Rot. This is the term by which it is now commonly designated and all inspectors should so designate it upon their certificates. Division Letter item 1-f, dated February 10, 1939, should be read again.

3f RECEIPTED COPIES OF SCHEDULES OF COLLECTIONS NO LONGER AVAILABLE

Under a new procedure inaugurated by the Section of Budgets and Accounts, field offices will no longer receive receipted copies of Schedules of Collections as prepared in the respective offices. In lieu thereof they will receive a mimeographed form of receipt issued by the Section of Budgets and Accounts showing the number of the schedule, date of its receipt by the Treasury Department and total amount of the schedule.

4f SHORT GRADE FORMS MAILED

Short grade forms for cauliflower, northern grown onions, sawdust pack grapes and juice grapes have been mailed to each inspector since the issue of the Division Letter dated September 8.

ENCLOSURE

A copy of revised U.S. Standards for Shelled Virginia Type Peanuts (Effective Nov. 1, 1939) is enclosed with this Division Letter for each inspector.

5f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Indiana onion and potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Warsaw, Indiana.

For Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Gibbon, Nebraska.

For Oklahoma reports wire W.B. Renfro, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

For Virginia apple reports wire D.S. Matheson, 417 North Cameron St., Winchester, Va.

For Virginia sweet potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Onley, Va.

For West Virginia apple reports wire J.J. Gardner, Federal-State Inspection Service, Martinsburg, W.Va.

6f. NEW REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION OF CANNED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

New regulations promulgated by the Secretary, effective August 25, 1939, governing the inspection and certification of canned fruits and vegetables are now in the process of being mimeographed and will be available for distribution in the near future. The principal changes in the new regulations provide a greatly amplified schedule of fees to cover the service.

7f. REORGANIZATION UNDER CHANDLER ACT

The Washington office is advised that the financial affairs of Albert Miller and Company, 308 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois and Piowaty Bros. of Ill., Inc., 216 South Water Market, Chicago, Illinois, are in the hands of the court for reorganization under the Chandler Act. All outstanding accounts against these concerns should be immediately forwarded to the Washington office for collection.

Robert Bier

INSPECTIONS OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FOR USE BY VARIOUS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES
(All figures represent fruits and vegetables in pounds)

August, 1939.

Cities	Navy	Hospitals	Corps	Commission	Coast & Marine Guard & Maritime & N.Y. & Federal	Public Health & Medical Center	State, County & City	Steamship Lines
Baltimore	-	-	-	-	-	-	44,606	-
Boston	-	-	-	-	-	-	325,983	-
Chicago	-	11,180	-	-	-	-	-	-
Great Lakes	257,555	71,955	-	-	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles	-	456,409	3,360	-	-	-	75,304	-
Milwaukee	-	166,754	-	-	-	-	185,400	-
Newark	11,252	75,046	-	-	-	-	158,931	-
New York	392,017	107,702	53,993	66,139	229,887	9,166	445,987	1,508,050
Norfolk	195,447	-	-	18,877	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia	180,415	99,202	18,574	-	-	-	77,980	-
Pittsburgh	-	26,893	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. Louis	-	37,306	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Diego	1,738,230	-	201,136	3,785	-	-	-	-
San Francisco	763,820	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Pedro	1,743,794	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vallejo	413,776	-	28,241	-	-	-	-	-
Washington, D.C.	-	-	-	-	-	13,166	-	-
TOTAL	5,696,306	1,052,447	305,304	88,801	229,887	22,332	1,314,191	1,508,050
GRAND TOTAL	10,217,318							

TOTAL SHIPPING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING AUGUST, 1939.

(1.cl.'s reduced to carlot equivalents).

<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or</u> <u>Carlot Equiv.</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or</u> <u>Carlot Equiv.</u>
Arkansas	63	Nebraska	167
California	6133	New Jersey	30 $\frac{1}{2}$
Florida	32	New York	154
Georgia	179 $\frac{1}{2}$	North Carolina	22
Idaho	2299	North Dakota	68
Illinois	530 $\frac{1}{2}$	Ohio	232
Indiana	193 $\frac{1}{2}$	Oklahoma	86
Iowa	68	Oregon	1658
Kansas	15	South Carolina	621
Kentucky	72	Texas	30
Louisiana	214	Utah	382*
Maryland	181	Virginia	557
Massachusetts	14	West Virginia	173
Michigan	623	Wisconsin	22
Minnesota	236	TOTAL	15,062
Mississippi	6		

* There were 500 trucklots aggregating 5,448,047 pounds of various fruits and vegetables inspected under State Regulatory Acts.

The following reports not yet received: Alabama, Delaware, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Washington.

Inspections for F.S.C.C. not included in the above - California 779, Minnesota 1586. In addition to the above, inspections were made in the following markets for the F.S.C.C. in the amount indicated: Cleveland, 3, New York 32, and Philadelphia 686.

<u>RECEIVING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING AUGUST, 1939.</u>					
<u>Markets</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Inspections</u>	<u>Same Month</u> <u>Last Year</u>	<u>Markets</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Inspections</u>	<u>Same Month</u> <u>Last Year</u>
Albany	8	4	New Orleans	130	127
Atlanta	25	39	New York	327	245
Baltimore	11	16	Norfolk	16	7
Boston	249	109	Oklahoma City	8	1
Buffalo	85	18	Philadelphia	49	85
Chicago	150	65	Pittsburgh	49	66
Cincinnati	13	17	Portland	20	23
Cleveland	63	67	Rochester	9	6
Columbus	22	37	St. Louis	35	70
Denver	27	18	Salt Lake City	1	1
Detroit	197	23	San Diego	0	2
Fort Worth	9	9	San Francisco	159	0
Harrisburg	3*	0	Seattle	116	1
Hartford	20	33	Tampa	2	0
Houston	51	46	Washington, D.C.	7	12
Indianapolis	7	3	TOTAL	2100	1323
Jacksonville	77	43	Total fees assessed for Total last year		
Kansas City	43	46	August, 1939, \$7,894.12 \$6,916.87		
Los Angeles	4	5	1494 cars inspected for Western Perishable		
Milwaukee	33	33	Carload Receivers' Assn., New York City.		
Minneapolis	30	14	* Compiled from certificates in file.		
Newark	22	16			
New Haven	23	16			

OFFICE NOTES

Alan K. Bredin, of Cincinnati, Ohio, is being appointed, effective about October 1, as an Assistant Marketing Specialist, assigned to the Chicago office of the Market News Service. Mr. Bredin's duties will include the collection of daily information on the total volume of fruits and vegetables received in Chicago by motor trucks, which will involve the interviewing of receivers, truckers and trucking associations and the establishing of satisfactory methods of securing and maintaining records of motor truck receipts.

R. L. Spangler has just returned from Chicago, where he spent about ten days, starting a study of changes which might be made in the United States grades for fresh fruits and vegetables in order to make them more adaptable to consumer use and to determine trade and consumer preferences for such products. Mr. W.W. Morrison, of the Chicago inspection office, is being detailed to this work for a period of about six months.

F. E. Bailey advises that, due to cramped working conditions during present alterations in the Federal Building, his office has moved to Room 335, Liberty Building, Yakima, Washington. When alterations are complete his office will return to the Federal Building. Meantime, Mr. Bailey's mail address remains the same - P.O. Box 78.

The Tampa, Florida, inspection office, H.M. Riley in charge, has moved to Winter Haven, Florida, Room 19, Postal Arcade Bldg., P.O. Box 1232) Phone 28521. Mr. Riley's residence address is 1345 Evalyn Drive. Residence phone 24903. (make this correction on all address lists)

W.A. Hilgeson is now established at his new headquarters located in Room 343 New Federal Bldg., Portland, Oregon, from which he will make investigations under the PAC Act, Produce Agency Act and Standard Container Acts, in the States of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, and Northern California.

The Market News Service will not open a temporary office at Brownsville, Texas, this year. Such an office will, however, be conducted at Weslaco, Texas (opening about October 16) with R.E. Winfrey in charge. Mr. W.D. Googe who, for the past several years conducted the temporary office at Brownsville, is on an indefinite period of leave due to poor health.

Incident to the standardization work on canned products, Paul M. Williams will go to Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, the latter part of this week for the purpose of observing certain new processes in operation in connection with the canning of corn.

W. F. Plummer is spending several days during the current week at points in Maine inspecting large quantities of canned products. H.S. Slamp is doing similar work in the States of Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania and New Jersey while Edmund J. Evans is conducting the inspection of canned products at points in western New York. J.C. Bigger is also in the field - Indiana, Michigan and Illinois; engaged in the inspection of quantities of canned foods. For the past several weeks E.P. Bostwick and C.H. Beasley have spent considerable time in and out of the San Francisco office grading large lots of dried fruits and canned products for the Veterans Administration and the F.S.C.C. as well as for commercial concerns.

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1a. FURNITURE FOR OFFICES IN FEDERAL BUILDINGS UNDER POST OFFICE CONTROL

In accordance with instructions issued in an Administrative Memorandum dated September 27, field representatives in charge of offices located in Federal Buildings under the control of the Post Office Department should submit to their Divisional Washington office for approval requests for additional furniture or equipment that may be required. Upon approval by the Washington office the requests may be submitted to the postmaster in charge of the building in which the local office is located. In the event the postmaster can not furnish the desired furniture or equipment the matter should again be referred to the Washington office for further consideration.

2a. RE CHRISTMAS MAILINGS

The Business Manager suggests that all field offices order necessary supplies sufficiently early to effect delivery before December 10. This suggestion is prompted by a request from the Post Office Department which reads as follows:

" * * * each year in advance of the Christmas holiday season this office finds it necessary to request the cooperation of all government departments in withholding from the mails during the period from December 10 to 26, all bulk mailings of pamphlets, books, forms and other printed matter. Matter of this character seriously interferes with the expeditious handling of the holiday mails and on account of its weight often causes damage to Christmas parcels.

"The matter is being brought to your attention at this time with the hope that it will be presented to those in charge of furnishing supplies for regional offices and agencies in order that such supplies may be ordered sufficiently early to complete delivery before December 10th. It should be understood that this request in no way affects the handling of ordinary official correspondence."

3a. PROTECTION OF GOVERNMENT-OWNED AUTOMOBILES

The following paragraph is quoted from a memorandum signed by the Department Director of Personnel under date of September 18, 1939:

"Several cases have come to the attention of this office recently which involved the theft of Government-owned automobiles parked on city streets by employees who failed to lock the automobiles or to remove the ignition keys. In some instances, the automobiles were recovered in a wrecked condition, and, in others, parts of the automobiles and Government property left therein were stolen. An employee who fails to lock a Government automobile assigned to him or leaves the ignition key therein is guilty of negligence, and it has been the policy of the Department in such cases to reprimand the employee and require him to reimburse the Government in an amount equal to the cost of repairing the damaged automobile or of replacing stolen Government property."

Accompanying the Personnel Director's request that the above quoted information be brought to the attention of all employees whose duties require them to drive Government-owned automobiles, is the instruction that all such employees be further advised

"* * * that each case involving the theft of a Government owned automobile, resulting from negligence on the part of an employee, must be reported, as required by paragraph 2921 of the Department regulations, and that, in addition to any disciplinary action which may be taken, the negligent employee will be required to reimburse the Government for any loss sustained as a result of his negligence."

It is desired to prevent incidents of this kind rather than to take disciplinary action or effect recoveries after the damage is done. For this reason each employee of this Division who has occasion to drive one of our Government-owned automobiles is cautioned to be alert at all times to the possibility of theft and to do everything possible to avoid such an occurrence.

-MARKET NEWS SERVICE-

1b. MICHIGAN PRODUCTS

Apples: Cool weather the past week has greatly aided demand for apples. Also, the appearance of Jonathans, for which there is a much wider demand than fall apples, has improved the demand situation. Most growers and shippers who wish to sell Jonathans can move them at 60-70¢ a bushel. On earlier varieties, such as Duchess and Wealthys, growers and shippers were able to move only a limited volume during harvesting peak at prices between 35-45¢, mostly 40¢. Likewise, McIntosh went begging at prices between 40-50¢ a bushel. Some lots of apples were stored for later sales, but a heavy volume went on the ground, especially Duchess and Wealthys.

Hot weather occurring about two days ago caused fruit to ripen faster than usual and it is now beginning to drop. Probably a considerable volume will be lost in this way. Some scalding, due to the extreme heat was reported in Delicious, but light for other varieties.

Rail movement of apples is only a little ahead of a year ago, amounting to 184 cars compared to 156 cars last year. However, truck movement over the Benton Harbor Cash Market is much advanced, 1094 cars practically equalling the final 1938 movement of 1101 cars.

Peaches: Peaches are practically gone except for a few late lots.

Pears: The Kieffer movement is now in its peak. Haulings are heavy to local canneries who have contracted the fruit this season on a basis of 90¢ bulk per cwt. for U.S. No. 1, 2 1/4" minimum fruit and 60¢ for 2" fruit. Purchases by Canadian canners are above 1938 but reported about the same as for 1937. It is reported purchases have been made for about 100 cars. These have been bought on basis of bulk per bushel crate. A moderate movement of Kieffers into Minnesota and Wisconsin is reported on basis of 55-60¢, carloads f.o.b. usual terms for U.S. No. 1 stock.

Practically all Bartletts are moved from storage. Other odd varieties are mostly harvested and sold except for small lots of Bosc.

Rail movement of pears is slightly ahead of a year ago, amounting to 184 cars as compared to 156 cars in 1938. Truck movement over the Benton Harbor Cash Market is somewhat behind last season, amounting to 257 cars as compared to 326 cars for last year.

Grapes: The grape movement is now in heavy volume and should be active for most of the month of October. Juice and processor purchases are heavier than usual due to the light crop a year ago.

Quality is excellent and the crop heavy. Fresh demand in face of the larger crop has been good.

Rail movement amounts to 55 cars, while truck movement over the Benton Harbor Cash Market amounts to 923 cars.

MICHIGAN PRODUCTS (cont'd)

Onions: Demand and trading for onions has been very light this past week. Most growers have high price ideas due to the sharp advance in early September. With such prices movement has been light. Growers are asking \$.85-1.00 bulk per cwt. for U.S. No. 1 stock, 70-80% 2" and larger, and shippers are unable to move stock at these levels.

The late crop of potatoes is reported as just starting to come in. Beginning about October 1, digging should be fairly moderate. (R.E.Keller, 9/29/39)

2b. WISCONSIN POTATOES

The Waupaca potato market was about steady for the best stock during the past week with 100-lb. sacks of Round Whites, Cobblers, and Katahdins, U.S. No. 1 good color generally commanding \$1.00-1.05 on an f.o.b. usual terms basis. However, the stock harvested during the past few days showed a wide range in quality with some stock showing pale color, some showing scabby, some showing blight, and some misshapen stock due to second growth.

Shipments to date total 823 compared to the 1053 carloads of potatoes shipped from Wisconsin during the same period last year. (Paul A. Nicholson 9/30/39).

H.J.Clay

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OFFICE NOTES:

Wayne J. Chastain, of Freewater, Oregon, is being appointed, effective October 16, as an Assistant Marketing Specialist, assigned to the Chicago office of the Market News Service. Mr. Chastain's duties will be similar to those of Alan K. Bredin, as described in the last issue of the D.L.

J.H.Hoover advises that his P.O. Box number is now 31, Orlando, Florida.

Due to the illness of J.P.Capus and H.F.McFeely, of the Philadelphia Market News Office, it became necessary, on September 25, to recall J.B.Owens from annual leave for the purpose of assisting with the work in that office for a few weeks.

R.M. Ferguson will go to Houston, Texas, to take charge of that office while C.D. Shirley is on leave during the period October 16-December 1.

W.F.Plummer, in charge of the Boston inspection office, will be on leave during the period October 5-18.

Wm. G. Neal is spending October 5 and 6 in our New York City and Philadelphia offices.

J.W.Park will leave Washington October 7 for a period of about ten days or two weeks during which he will go to St. Louis, Chicago, Cleveland and Pittsburgh for the purpose of obtaining information on work which is being done by dealers', shippers' and growers' organizations and State agencies, in connection with dealers' service or sales promotional work.

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*Waupaca, Wisconsin Court House	(894-R)	P.A.Nicholson	Potatoes	Sept. 1	March 31
Weslaco, Texas Post Office Bldg.	931	R.L.Winfrey	Citrus	Oct. 16	May 15

*State cooperating

J.B.Owens in Philadelphia office.
V.H.Nicholson on leave

Division Letter, October 6, 1939

-STANDARDIZATION SERVICE-

1c. TABULATION SHEETS SHOWING DEFECTS IN GRADES FOR APPLES

In the fall of 1937 all inspectors were furnished with mimeographed sheets showing Tabulation of Defects in U.S. Grades for Apples and also Color Requirements for Some Varieties of Apples Not Listed in U.S. Grades for Apples. Any inspector who does not have copies of these sheets should request them from the Washington Office.

2c. WALNUT STANDARDS

Copies of U.S. Standards for Unshelled English Walnuts and U.S. Standards for Shelled English Walnuts effective September 30, 1939, have been mailed to each inspector.

3c. ENCLOSURE

Copies of revised short grade forms for Table Grapes, Watermelons and Pears are enclosed with this D.L. to each inspector.

R. R. Pailthorp

-PROCESSED FOODS STANDARDIZATION AND INSPECTION-

1d. CANNED FOODS GRADING PROJECT CHANGES NAME

Effective October 1, 1939, the name of the Canned Foods Standardization and Grading Project was changed to "Processed Foods Standardization and Inspection Project." This change is being made to describe more accurately the present lines of work conducted under the Project.

In addition to the standardization and inspection of canned fruits and vegetables now being handled by the Project, similar work has been undertaken for these commodities in the frozen and dried forms.

Grades for certain frozen products are under consideration and will soon be offered to the trade for comment and criticism. As in the past, the existing inspection facilities of the Division will be utilized in rendering inspection services on these commodities.

Paul M. Williams

-INSPECTION SERVICE-

1f. PURCHASES BY THE F.S.C.C.

The Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation is again purchasing surplus apples and surplus fall and winter pears to help the apple and pear industry carry out a program developed by grower representatives for improving conditions for this year's large crop.

Under the program purchases of apples may be made from growers or associations of growers in any of the producing states. The minimum grade to be bought is Combination, U.S. No. 1 and U.S. Utility, or an equivalent grade. All apples bought will be subject to inspection by the Federal State Inspection Service.

Purchases of pears by the F.S.C.C. will be limited to the following varieties: Beurre D'Anjou, Beurre Bosc, Winter Nelis, Beurre Hardy, Doyenne du Comice, Beurre Easter, and Beurre Clairgeau. All pears purchased must be U.S. Combination Grade or better and must be passed by the Federal Inspection Service. Purchases will be made at prices to be announced by the F.S.C.C.

2f. A NEW BULLETIN FROM THE BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY

The Division of Fruit and Vegetable Crops and Diseases, of the Bureau of Plant Industry, has issued Miscellaneous Publication 340 "Market Diseases of Fruit and Vegetables, Grapes and Other Small Fruits". A copy is being mailed to each inspector.

The Division advises it has only a small edition for free distribution and it has not been practicable to make available free copies for the entire technical staff. The Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., supplies copies at approximately the cost of printing and handling: Miscellaneous Publication 98, "Potatoes," at 30 cents a copy; MP 121, "Tomatoes, Peppers, Eggplants," 20¢; MP 168, "Apples, Pears, Quinces," 40¢; MP 228, "Peaches, Plums, Cherries and Other Stone Fruits," 20¢; 292 "Crucifers and Cucurbits," 45¢; and the latest, MP 340, "Grapes and Other Small Fruits," at 40¢ a copy. Orders should be sent to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, as this Department does not sell its publications. Remittance may be made by check or postal money order payable to him; or by coin, at sender's risk. The colored illustrations in the various bulletins are also issued in the form of posters, printed on cardboard, 7-1/4 x 12 inches at 5 cents each.

3f. CORRECTION IN FORM NO. A.M.S. 148

Correction in "Instructions Covering the Issuance of Export Form Certificates and Various Sanitary Memoranda", change A.M.S. 148 to F.P.I. 148.

4f. SEED POTATOES DELIVERED TO SHIP'S SIDE IN GROWERS' TRUCKS

F.E. Bailey has furnished an interesting item with regard to the export movement of seed potatoes which were delivered to the ship's side in growers' trucks. He states that during the month of September over 32000 crates of seed potatoes each holding 50 kilograms were delivered from fields in the vicinity of Bellingham, Washington directly to the dock in growers' trucks. Six grading crews worked on the dock alongside the vessels which transported the shipments. 15 certificates were issued covering these truck shipments of seed stock.

5f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Indiana onion and potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Warsaw, Indiana.

For Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Gibbon, Nebraska.

For New Mexico, Grants reports wire E.L. Ruch, 610 Security Bldg., Phoenix, Arizona.

" " Ute Park " " E.F. McKune, 547 Custom House, Denver, Colorado.

For Virginia apple reports wire D.S. Matheson, 417 North Cameron St., Winchester, Va.

For Virginia sweet potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Onley, Va.

For West Virginia apple reports wire J.J. Gardner, Federal-State Inspection Service, Martinsburg, W. Va.

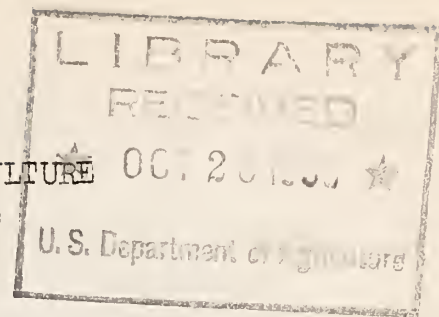
6f. PLEASE ADD TO LIST OF PAST DUE ACCOUNTS

Hazlehurst Truck Growers, Inc.,	Hazlehurst, Miss.	\$ 4.00
Ohio Department of Welfare,	Columbus, Ohio	6.00
Independent Produce Company,	Mobile, Alabama	5.00
Toledo Fruit & Produce Co.,	Toledo, Ohio	9.50
Giguere & Co.,	New Haven, Conn.	10.50

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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION LETTER

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1a. REPORTS COVERING COUNT AND WEIGHT OF MAIL

Considerable difficulty has been encountered in the effort to tabulate reports submitted by field offices covering the count and weight of mail. While it is recognized that the first reports must be considered somewhat preliminary, it is necessary to ask the complete cooperation of each office in an effort to have all subsequent reports accurate. With this in mind the following is suggested:

1. It is not necessary to make an actual count of outgoing mail for the entire quarter. Count and weigh the mail for the first month of the quarter and submit at the end of the month a report which may be used by the Division as a basis for compiling a quarterly report to the Washington Section of Mails and Files.
2. All weights must be given in ounces. Not pounds.
3. Do not make simple statement such as "800 pieces of mail during the month of October weighing 600 ounces." This must be broken down to show definitely the portion by weight and count classified as "local" and "other than local". The weight and count must also be specifically mentioned for the third and fourth class matter.
4. In those offices where there is joint operation - a separate report must be made by each unit of the Division. The Chairman of the Operating Committee submits a report to the Business Manager covering all mail which does not fall strictly within the Divisional classification.
5. No office is exempt from the requirements of this new regulation. Do not make it necessary for the Washington office to send out "follow up" requests for your reports. Mail them promptly at the end of the first month of each quarter. The next reports are due as of November 1.

Note: Further instructions on this subject appear in the Market News Section of this D. L.

2a. KEEPING RECORDS OF EXPENSES ON GOVERNMENT-OWNED AUTOMOBILES

The keeping of records of expenses incurred in connection with the operation of Government-owned automobiles may be discontinued and similarly a statement of previous expenses is no longer required on vouchers. However, each employee operating a Government-owned automobile should bear in mind that the cost of repairs in any one fiscal year must not exceed one-third of the cost of a new machine of the same make and class, at Government price, which is approximately \$500.00. In order that these expenses may be properly charged against the individual car, it is necessary that the motor number of the car be shown on the voucher.

3a. FORM AD-150, "STATEMENT OF OFFICIAL MATTER MAILED FREE OF POSTAGE".

Form AD-150, "Statement of Official Matter Mailed Free of Postage" is now available in the Central Supply Section. A small supply of this Form is being mailed with this D. L. to each office. Additional supplies should be requisitioned in the usual manner.

Due to the fact that it is only necessary to submit a report for the first month of each quarter (which is to be considered representative of the quarter) please indicate on the Form, when submitted to the Washington office, that the report covers the month and not the quarter. (See item 1a. on this subject).

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OFFICE NOTES

D.L. Matheson has completed his assignment on shipping point work in the State of Virginia and is now in Buffalo, New York, where he is being transferred from the New York City inspection office. Meanwhile, K.W. Schaible, formerly in charge of the Buffalo office, has reported for duty at Lansing, Michigan, from which point he will handle shipping point inspection work in that State, relieving R.C. Lindstrom for inspection work in the Chicago office. (These changes should be noted on all address lists.)

R.L. Ringer is handling the Portland market news work during the period October 16-28 while C.J. Hansen is on leave.

F.G. Robb has returned to his desk after an extended field trip.

B.C. Boree returned to his desk on October 14 from an extended field trip only to leave again on October 17 for a period of about two weeks to visit points in Va., N.C., S.C., Ga., Fla., Miss., and La. in connection with the work of the market news service.

The Washington office regrets to learn of the recent death of Mrs. H.L. Harrington, the wife of one of our New York City inspectors. Mrs. Harrington, prior to her marriage, was employed in the New York City office as Anna L. McLaughlin. Our sympathy is extended to Mr. Harrington.

P.T. Baden, of the Detroit inspection office, advises his residence address is now 22434 Garrison, Dearborn, Michigan. Residence telephone: Dearborn 1457-J.

The Kansas City market news and inspection offices, R.E. Corbin and F.M. Lyle in charge, moved, October 21 to 317 United States Court House. This change should be noted on all address lists.

J.P. Capus, who is now on leave, will go to New York City during the period November 6-19 for the purpose of assisting with the market news work while E.R. Biddle is on leave. Upon completion of this temporary assignment Mr. Capus will return to his official station, Philadelphia.

-MARKET NEWS SERVICE-

1b. WEIGHTS OF OFFICIAL MATTER MAILED FREE OF POSTAGE

Previous instructions regarding the weighing of letter or other material mailed under the penalty privilege have been revised. It will hereafter be necessary for market stations to secure the weight and number of pieces of all of outgoing mail sent under the penalty privilege daily for the entire first month of each quarter, and send the total figures by classes to Washington at the end of the month. This month's record will serve as a basis for estimating the weight and count of the mail for the entire quarter. If this month should come either just before or just after circularizing the mailing list, or if for some other reason the amount of mail sent out during the month is not typical of that for the quarter, this should be explained on the report when it is sent to Washington, so that suitable allowance can be made when we prepare the estimate for that station for the entire quarter.

For the present quarter (October-November-December) market station representatives should keep their records for the month of November and submit them to Washington at the close of that month, using form AD-150, copies of which are being sent to all market stations, and keeping a copy of the report in the station's file. All market news reports, whether mailed in envelopes sealed or unsealed or without envelopes using the Dunigan sealer, will be considered as third class.

Copies of this form are also being sent to all field men so that they may see the different classes into which the report which has to be made up at the end of the quarter is segregated. Field men, however, will not be required to keep a day-by-day record of the weight and number of the material which they mail out. Their report should be made, as in the past, on their MS-32 reports, listing any letters, post cards or fourth class matter separately from the third class figures for the market news report. The Washington office will prepare a tabulation of the field station records from these daily statements.

2b. WISCONSIN POTATOES

The f.o.b. demand for Wisconsin potatoes during the past week was fair for best stock and light for other stock. This crop continued to exhibit a wide range in quality with some sections reporting blight, and with some buyers complaining of poor color, misshapen stock, and some scabby potatoes. Hundred pound sacks of the best available potatoes of the Round White type generally sold at 90¢ on an f.o.b. usual terms basis.

Wisconsin potato shipments to date continue lighter than for the same period last year - 1062 compared to 1305. (Paul A. Nicholson, 10/14/39)

3b. IDAHO POTATOES

Potato digging in Snake River Valley districts has been very actively under way the past week and fair weather has been decidedly favorable for such field work. Many growers in this particular part of the State have finished digging, and by the end of another week of fair weather nearly all of the potatoes in this immediate district will have been harvested. Unofficial estimates from well-informed sources indicate that 35 to 40 percent of the 1939 Idaho potato crop has already been dug.

Liberal supplies of U.S. No. 2 Russets have been offered for sale and shipment recently. This has been brought about by the fact that a large quantity of U.S. No. 1 stock has been purchased for storage purposes. The U. S. No. 2 grade is not considered so desirable for storage, so as rapidly as the grading is completed the No. 2's are available for immediate shipment.

The market has held steady on best U. S. No. 1 Russets. A better demand appears to be developing, but shipments are fairly heavy. (Ralph G. Risser, 10/14/39)

H.J. Clay

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*State cooperating

V. H. Nicholson on leave

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-INSPECTION SERVICE-

1f. ANALYSIS FOR RESIDUE OF APPLES AND PEARS FROM CALIFORNIA, OREGON, AND WASHINGTON, NOT NECESSARY FOR EXPORT CERTIFICATION IN EASTERN MARKETS

It is believed that California, Oregon, and Washington are now checking all of their shipments of apples and pears for spray residue so thoroughly that it will not be necessary to require further analysis in order to comply with the requirements of Regulation 7, of S.R.A. 143, Revised, when Export Form Certificates are requested after shipments have left their states of origin. Such apples and pears may therefore be certified in Eastern markets for export either to Canada or transatlantic countries without further analysis for spray residue if the lots in question meet all other requirements of the Export Apple and Pear Act.

2f. WEEKLY REPORT FPI-22 DISCONTINUED

In order to reduce clerical work in receiving market offices as much as possible, it has been decided to discontinue weekly report FPI-22. While this report has been of value in keeping track of the volume of work in individual offices when it has been necessary to transfer inspectors to points where work is unusually heavy, it is believed that this information can be obtained in other ways with less effort on the part of the service as a whole.

3f. NEW FPI-11 AND FPI-11a FORMS

New forms for monthly reports are being forwarded to all offices. On the Form FPI-11 inspections for condition for which the fee is \$2.50 should be listed separately. L.C.L. inspections for which a charge of \$2.50 is made regardless of whether for grade or condition should be listed under L. C. L. inspections.

On FPI-11a the number of L.C.L. inspections should be listed opposite the names of the proper products except where one certificate covers a number of products in which case such inspections should be listed under mixed vegetables, mixed fruits, or mixed fruits and vegetables as the case may be.

4f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Indiana onion and potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Warsaw, Indiana.

For Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Gibbon, Nebraska.

For New Mexico, Grants reports wire E.L. Ruch, 610 Security Bldg., Phoenix, Arizona.

" " Ute Park " " N.D. Sanborn, 547 Custom House, Denver, Colorado

For Virginia apple reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, 417 North Cameron St., Winchester, Va.

For Virginia sweet potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Onley, Va.

For West Virginia apple reports wire J. J. Gardner, Federal-State Inspection Service, Martinsburg, W. Va.

5f. CERTIFYING MINIMUM SIZE OF APPLES

For several years past serious complaints have been made by European buyers of American apples to the effect that they were mismarked as to minimum size, lots of apples which showed only occasional specimens under $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches being marked " $2\frac{1}{4}$ in. and up", or " $2\frac{1}{4}$ to 3 in." After careful consideration it has been decided that in the future the Inspection Service, in certifying such lots, will show under "Size" the percentage under $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches as well as under $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches if such percentage is not over the 5% tolerance for undersize. The same policy should be followed with other minimum size marks when it is found that the undersize is within the tolerance for the next higher quarter of an inch. Under "Grade" such lots should be certified as "U.S. 1, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches and up, and would also grade U.S. 1, $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches and up."

If there is unmistakable evidence that the minimum size marking has been changed to a lower minimum a statement similar to the following should be made under "Remarks": "Original $2\frac{1}{2}$ in. minimum size marking scraped off and containers re-marked ' $2\frac{1}{4}$ in. and up.'"

It is felt that the practice of mismarking as to minimum size is deceptive and so constitutes a violation of the P.A.C.A., and the Department will entertain complaints alleging such violations if buyers care to file them. Inspectors are also requested to call such cases to the attention of Mr. Spilman in order that it may be determined whether action should be taken by the Department independently of any complaints which might be filed by the buyer.

6f. CORRECTION PAST DUE ACCOUNTS:

Change amount of past due account for the Toledo Fruit and Produce Company, Toledo, Ohio from \$9.50 to \$5.50, and add to the list of Past Due Accounts the:

Toledo Produce Terminal, Toledo, Ohio	\$4.00
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7f. ENCLOSURE

There is enclosed for each inspection office a copy of S.R.A., F.D.C. 1 - "Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and General Regulations for its Enforcement" and a copy of "Digest of the New Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act."

F.G. Robb

INSPECTIONS OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FOR USE BY VARIOUS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES
(All figures represent fruits and vegetables in pounds)

September, 1939.

Cities	Navy	Marine & Hospital Corps	Coast Guard & Maritime Commission	Public Health & N.Y. Medical Center	Other Federal Agencies	State, County & City Institutions	Steamship Lines
Baltimore	-	-	-	-	-	21,573	8,982
Boston	-	-	-	-	-	309,986	-
Chicago	-	9,115	-	-	-	-	-
Denver	-	-	-	-	39,500	-	-
Great Lakes	315,965	61,420	-	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles	-	360,868	28,445	-	-	92,013	357
Memphis	-	26,762	-	-	-	-	-
Milwaukee	-	129,229	-	-	-	144,037	-
Newark	12,674	49,870	-	-	-	105,731	-
New York	165,690	118,018	47,335	65,972	231,922	13,544	337,261
Norfolk	612,909	-	-	49,125	-	-	-
Philadelphia	266,016	72,826	15,175	-	-	80,475	-
Pittsburgh	-	27,920	-	-	-	28,212	-
St. Louis	-	20,673	-	-	-	223,287	-
San Diego	1,764,852	-	173,199	6,129	-	1,148	-
San Francisco	461,800	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Pedro	2,042,029	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vallejo	417,039	-	24,137	14,338	-	-	-
Washington, D.C.	-	-	-	-	-	11,099	-

TOTAL 6,058,974 - 876,701 - 288,291 - 135,564 - 231,922 - 65,291 - 1,342,575 - 1,296,302

GRAND TOTAL 10,235,620

TOTAL SHIPPING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING SEPTEMBER, 1939.
(l.c.l.'s reduced to carlot equivalents).

<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or Carlot Equiv.</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or Carlot Equiv.</u>
Arizona	7	Minnesota	1092
California	6440 $\frac{1}{2}$	Nebraska	60 $\frac{1}{2}$
Colorado	413 $\frac{1}{2}$	New York	270 $\frac{1}{4}$
Delaware	27	North Carolina	67
Florida	193	North Dakota	1644
Idaho	3989	Oregon	2170 $\frac{1}{2}$
Illinois	115 $\frac{1}{2}$	Pennsylvania	185 $\frac{1}{2}$
Indiana	174	Utah	537*
Iowa	138	Washington	2447 $\frac{1}{2}$
Kansas	51	West Virginia	209
Louisiana	343	Wisconsin	83 $\frac{1}{2}$
Maine	433 $\frac{1}{2}$	Wyoming	11
Michigan	2807	TOTAL	23,909$\frac{3}{4}$

* There were 1010 trucklots aggregating 9,251,797 pounds of various fruits and vegetables inspected under State Regulatory Acts.

The following reports not yet received: Maryland, New Jersey, New Mexico, Ohio and Virginia.

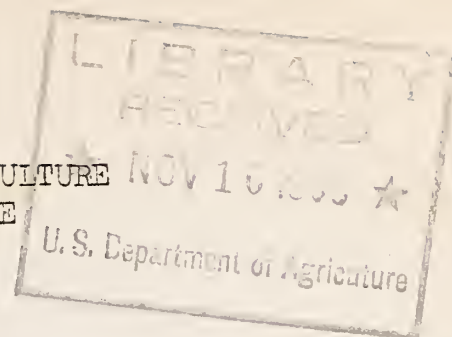
Inspections for F.S.C.C. not included in the above - California 356, Colorado 280, Minnesota 54 and Utah 69.

In addition to the above, inspections were made in the following markets for the F.S.C.C. in the amount indicated: New York City 34 and Philadelphia 180.

RECEIVING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING SEPTEMBER, 1939.					
Total			Same Month		
Markets	Inspections	Last Year	Markets	Inspections	Last Year
Albany	11	1	Milwaukee	27	34
Atlanta	30	42	Minneapolis	35	7
Baltimore	22	19	Newark	17	21
Boston	114	79	New Haven	18	26
Buffalo	39	11	New Orleans	118	130
Chicago	110	125	New York	397	190
Cincinnati	24	30	Norfolk	24	16
Cleveland	45	42	Oklahoma City	17	11*
Columbus	30	23	Philadelphia	57	46
Denver	24	16	Pittsburgh	70	73
Detroit	110	28	Portland	10	9
East Providence	13	7	Rochester	3	4
Fargo	1	0	St. Louis	31	91
Fort Worth	12	12	San Francisco	1	0
Harrisburg	1	0	Seattle	98	0
Hartford	14	24	Tampa	1	0
Houston	55	44	Washington, D.C.	6	12
Indianapolis	11	11	TOTAL	1722	1285
Jacksonville	62	39	Total fees assessed for		
Kansas City	43	49	September, 1939, \$7,438.65		
Los Angeles	3	13	1345 cars inspected for Western Perishable		
Memphis	14	-	Carload Receivers' Assn., New York City.		
Miami	4	0	*Compiled from certificates in file.		

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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION LETTER

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1a. NOVEMBER 11 - LEGAL HOLIDAY

Inasmuch as November 11 has been made a legal holiday in accordance with an Act of Congress approved May 13, 1938, our employees (field and Washington) are excused from official duties on that date.

2a. KEEPING RECORDS OF EXPENSES ON GOVERNMENT-OWNED AUTOMOBILES

On Page 208 of Division Letter dated October 20, 1939, paragraph 2a, an item appeared under the above heading. The discontinuance of the keeping of expenses is intended to cover only such records as are kept for the purpose of showing previous expenses on vouchers.

It is still required that branch offices and field men keep such records of cost as are necessary to properly prepare the Motor Vehicle Expense Report.

3a. LETTERHEAD- SHORT FORM DISCONTINUED

Due to the fact that the Washington office is receiving so many requests for the short form of letterhead it is desired to again call attention to item 3a appearing in the Division Letter dated July 28, 1939, reading as follows: "The short form letterhead (size 8 x 7) has been discontinued. When the present supply of manifold paper of this same size is exhausted it will also be discontinued."

4a. HELP LOCATE JACK STEARN

The PACA section is desirous of learning the whereabouts of Jack Stearn, formerly operating at 5135 Winthrop St., Indianapolis, Indiana. Mr. Dickerson advises this man has not been seen in Indianapolis for two months, and mail sent to him there has been forwarded by the post office to Miami, Florida and then returned to the sender. Any information on the subject should be sent to Mr. H. A. Spilman.

JAMES R. DUNCAN

The Washington office was shocked to learn of the death of James R. Duncan at a San Diego, California, hospital on October 24.

Mr. Duncan's official career in the Department began in April, 1917, when he was appointed as an Assistant Fruit Crop Specialist in the Division of Agricultural Statistics, then known as the Division of Crop Estimates. In April, 1920, he resigned to become an Extension Horticulturist for the Missouri State Experiment Station. In July, 1922, Mr. Duncan received an appointment as a Food Products Inspector, collaborating with the Colorado State Department of Agriculture. In April, 1923, he joined the staff of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics as a Food Products Inspector in charge of the Kansas City office of the Division and in July, of the same year, he transferred to the Salt Lake City office, in similar capacity, where he remained until May, 1925, when he was made an inspector of Navy supplies at San Diego. Late in the year of 1935 Mr. Duncan was transferred to the licensing work of the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act project, with headquarters at Los Angeles, and was engaged on this work at the time of his death.

Mr. Duncan was highly regarded by the Division because of the thorough and conscientious work which he did in the Inspection Service and in the licensing of dealers under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act and we extend our sympathy to his family.

-MARKET NEWS SERVICE-

1b. BROCCOLI, CARROT, LETTUCE AND TOMATO SHIPMENTS FROM SANTA MARIA DISTRICT

The following briefly outlines conditions in the Santa Maria, California, District during the week October 16-21, as prepared by T. C. Sublett, Jr.:

Demand for Broccoli was somewhat slower during this past week as compared with the week previous. The F.O.B. price range is from \$1.20-1.35 depending on quality, pack and percentages of shoots to heads.

Carrots were still in very light demand and it was reported hard to sell at \$1.10-1.15 here in the immediate valley.

Lettuce movement during the week was negligible. Most of this commodity went dry-pack to Los Angeles.

Shipments of Tomatoes was somewhat lighter than that of the previous week, the peak having been reached last week. Reports indicate that Tomatoes from this district are arriving all right and this has established little confidence and cash buying has been resumed on a moderate scale, at lower prices. Throughout the week the f.o.b. market has held at 80-90¢. The quality is generally running 80-85% U.S. #1, with an occasional 75%.

2b. SALINAS-WATSONVILLE LETTUCE MOVEMENT

The following is quoted from a report of conditions in the Salinas-Watsonville, California District, as prepared by W.R. Goodwin:

Although shipments were light all last week (Oct. 16-21) the demand continued very slow and very little trading took place because buyers were holding off account of the quality. Quality slightly improved Friday and Saturday with very light shipments and a very active demand developed for good quality lettuce but offerings were very light. With 109 cars shipped last Monday October 16th demand was very light and market weaker and almost too few sales to quote at \$2.50-3.00 for crates heavy fives compared to \$1.25-1.75 last year the same date when 115 cars were shipped. For the next three days shipments were very light and the market was weaker with too few sales to quote. With only 47 cars out Saturday due partly to field labor holiday and quality slightly improving demand was very active for best stock at \$2.25-2.50 compared to \$1.65-2.00 last year the same date when 120 cars moved.

3b. NEW YORK PRODUCTS

The demand for Western New York vegetables improved considerably during the past ten days, partly because of the cooler weather at shipping points and in the terminals, causing steady to improved prices for celery, cabbage, potatoes and carrots. However, the demand for onions continued slow and prices were barely steady. The fruit demand was slow, especially for apples and pears, but grapes were in good demand.

NEW YORK PRODUCTS (cont'd)

Celery quality is below average, but some improvement is expected because of the recent better growing conditions. Prices to growers have advanced from 35-45¢ per crate to 60-65¢ for good quality.

Cabbage prices held steady this week. Some believe the recent rains have aided the crop materially, while others assert that the rains came too late to cause much improvement. Kraut buyers have been taking liberal quantities and have kept the f.o.b. market stronger than the terminals. Growers are now receiving \$12.00-14.00 per ton.

Potato growers are still busy digging in order to finish before any severe freezes occur, and have been too busy to do much selling. Yields are fair and quality is good, although the size is generally small. Growers are receiving 50-60¢ per bushel.

Canners have been purchasing carrot supplies freely at prices netting the growers around \$20.00 per ton, and occasionally higher, which has made it almost prohibitive for shippers to handle them for market purposes. Despite a large crop, the carrot market continues to be a grower's market.

The apple harvest is practically completed, except for Baldwins, Spys and R.I. Greenings. Haulings to storage houses are heavy. The FSOC is buying around 125 cars per week for emergency relief purposes in order to help dispose of the surplus.

The grape season, now drawing to a close, was fairly satisfactory for all concerned. Prices sagged last week but reacted upward this week and are now strong. Practically all remaining supplies are in the shippers' hands. (J.C.Keller, 10/21/39)

B.C. Boree

-STANDARDIZATION SERVICE-

1c. AMOUNT OF CAKED MELANOSE PERMITTED IN U. S. NO. 2 or U.S. NO. 2 RUSSET GRADES FOR CITRUS.

Melanose is very prevalent in Florida this year and the following instructions are issued in order that we may secure uniformity regarding the amounts of caked Melanose permitted in U.S. No. 2 or U.S. No. 2 Russet Grades: Three-fourths inch severe (mud caked) Melanose or one and one-half inches slightly caked Melanose is permitted. Fruit having more than this amount is not permitted in the above grades.

R.R. Pailthorp

TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE

<u>Stations</u>	<u>Mail List</u>	<u>In Charge</u>	<u>Products</u>	<u>First Bulletin</u>	<u>Probably Will Close</u>
*Belle Glade, Florida	937	J.B.Owens	Beans	Nov. 6	Dec. 23
Grand Rapids, Mich. 412 P.O. Bldg.	895	R.E.Keller	Apples Onions Potatoes	Nov. 3 Nov. 3 Nov. 3	Jan. 13 March 30 April 13
Idaho Falls, Idaho 206 Federal Bldg.	(845-R)	R.G.Risser	Potatoes	Sept. 25	April 13
*Lakeland, Florida P.O. Box 191	920	H.F.Willson	Citrus	Oct. 3	June 15
Martinsburg, W.Va.	(835-R)	R.M.Peterson	Apples	Sept. 12	Nov. 17
*Presque Isle, Maine Federal Bldg.	(842-R)	S.W.Russell	Potatoes	Sept. 17	May 20
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Weslaco, Texas Post Office Bldg.	931	R.E.Winfrey	Citrus	Oct. 16	May 15

THE FOLLOWING STATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO CLOSE ON THE DATES INDICATED

*Benton Harbor, Michigan 205 P.O. Bldg.	838	R.E.Keller	Apples Berries Grapes Onions Pears Peaches Potatoes	Aug. 1 Aug. 1 Sept. 25 Sept. 12 Aug. 22 Aug. 15 Oct. 3	Nov. 1 Aug. 25 Oct. 14 Nov. 1 Oct. 21 Sept. 25 Nov. 1
*Fresno, Calif. Holland Bldg.	919	A.M.McDowell	Grapes	July 31	Nov. 10

THE FOLLOWING STATION IS EXPECTED TO OPEN ON THE DATE INDICATED

*Phoenix, Arizona 610 Security Bldg.	815	A.M.McDowell	Lettuce	Nov. 29	Jan. 10
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* State cooperating

Between closing date of Fresno and opening date of Phoenix, Mr. McDowell will spend about a week at Fresno on summary work after which he will go on leave.

Division Letter, November 3, 1939

OFFICE NOTES

The Washington office of the Processed Foods Standardization and Inspection Project, Paul M. Williams in charge, has moved from the South Building to 224 Twelfth Street, S.W., Rooms 201-211. Telephone numbers remain the same - REpublic 4142, extensions 4693 and 4694. Mail to this Project should be addressed to the Fruit and Vegetable Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, Washington, D.C. Freight and express shipments should be addressed to 224 Twelfth Street, S.W., Room 211. Note this change on all address lists.

Space in the U.S. Court House at Portland, Oregon, has been re-assigned so that the offices of this Division are now located as follows:

Room 339 - C. J. Hansen (Market News)

" 308 - R. L. Ringer (Inspection - fresh)

" 310 - J. E. Dodds (" - canned and processed)

" 310 - W. A. Hilgeson (P.A.C.A.)

These changes should be noted on all address lists.

The telephone numbers for the Kansas City offices of the Division, which recently moved to 317 U.S. Court House, have been changed to Victor 3755, stations 251 and 252.

B.C. Boree has returned to his desk after an extended field trip.

Herbert Graff went to Norfolk, Virginia, on October 26 and Bolling Hall, returning from a period of annual leave, arrived in Norfolk on November 1, to assist with an unusual volume of peanut inspections at that point. It is expected that this work will continue until about November 15.

"My Observations of Quality Potatoes and Onions in the Receiving Markets" will be the subject of an address which R.L. Spangler will deliver on November 9 at the Tenth Annual Muck Crops Show to be held at Nappanee, Indiana.

Effective about November 15, R.H. vonGlahn will be transferred from the New York City inspection office to the Philadelphia inspection office, while, simultaneously, W. A. Dorman will transfer from the Philadelphia office to the New York City office.

H.J. Clay left Washington on October 29 for a period of about one month during which he will, on November 2 and 3, attend a joint meeting of the Oregon and Washington Beekeepers Associations at Walla Walla, Washington. On November 4 he will attend a meeting of the Portland Association of Beekeepers at Portland, Ore., and during the period November 7-10 he will attend the National Convention of the American Honey Producers League and American Honey Institute at Sacramento, Calif., during which time he will address the meeting on the subject "Why Honey Prices are at Their Present Level." En route to Washington Mr. Clay will visit a number of our market news offices, various beekeepers and honey shippers, as well as peanut shellers and cleaners in the States of Texas, Louisiana, Alabama, Georgia, Oklahoma, Florida, Arizona and Virginia.

V.H. Nicholson has enrolled at Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., where he is taking a post graduate course for the purpose of obtaining a Master's Degree. He will not return to his official duties with the market news service until next summer.

L.C. Carey will go to Chicago during the period November 13-14 for the purpose of attending a meeting of the American Veneer Package Association, after which he will go to Grand Rapids, Mich., Cleveland, Ohio and Rochester, N.Y., to make investigations under the Standard Container Acts.

-INSPECTION SERVICE-

1f. KEEP WASHINGTON OFFICE INFORMED OF CHANGES IN SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION FEES.

It is requested that each State supervisor keep the Washington office advised of any changes which are made in the fees charged for inspections within the State in which the work is under his jurisdiction. This is necessary in order that the Washington office be in position to furnish information requested in connection with the finances of the Inspection Service.

2f. ENCLOSURES

A copy of the State of Montana Official Handbook of The Division of Horticulture accompanies this D.L. for each inspector. There is also enclosed, for each inspector, a revised Check List of U.S. Standards (other than for canned products) issued under date of November 1, 1939.

3f. CERTAIN VARIETIES PUMPKINS NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH HUBBARD TYPE SQUASH

The F.S.C.C. is planning on buying Hubbard type squash in several States this fall and some of our inspectors will no doubt be called upon to inspect this commodity on the basis of specifications which will be issued by the F.S.C.C. There are certain varieties of pumpkins which might be confused with Hubbard type squash. All squash stems are devoid of distinct ribbing or furrows which characteristics are typical of pumpkin stems. Pumpkin stems also have a distinct line of cleavage which is apparent after the stem has been separated from the pumpkin. This is not true of squash. Squash stems have a tendency to break at any point and not necessarily at point of attachment. Pumpkin stems have a tendency to break at point of attachment to the pumpkin.

4f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Indiana onion and potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,
Warsaw, Indiana.

For Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Gibbon,
Nebraska.

For Virginia apple reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, 417 North
Cameron St., Winchester, Va.

For West Virginia apple reports wire J.J. Gardner, Federal-State Inspection
Service, Martinsburg, W.Va.

5f. ASSESSING CHARGES WHEN INSPECTION APPLICATIONS ARE CANCELLED BEFORE INSPECTION IS MADE

Inspectors have frequently asked about making charges when they found on arrival at the point of inspection that the request had been cancelled. The following reply by Mr. Bier in response to an inquiry in this connection by one of our inspection offices properly presents the views of the Washington office on this subject in so far as they apply to cancelled requests for inspections at local or nearby points. In the case in question the inspector had been requested to make an early morning inspection and had left his house about 4 a.m. only to find when he arrived that the inspection was no longer wanted.

ASSESSING CHARGES WHEN INSPECTION APPLICATIONS ARE CANCELLED BEFORE INSPECTION IS MADE (cont'd)

"The cancellation of an inspection as described in your letter of September 6 has been experienced by most of our terminal market inspectors. The cancellation of an inspection has the same effect upon our inspectors as the cancellation of an order by customers has on the wholesale receivers. They do not like it but find they have to accept it as a part of the risk of doing business. So many happenings over which the fruit and vegetable jobber has no control can cause the cancellation of an inspection that it is questionable whether a fixed rule can be applied that in its operation would be fair to all of the applicants.

"Personally, I feel that receivers who make a practice of cancelling inspection, as described in your letter, should be advised when application for inspection is filed that it will be necessary to make a charge to cover the time used in traveling from the inspector's home to the terminal and back again in the event the inspection is cancelled."

While the above described policy should be followed for local inspections, it is felt that where an inspector makes an out-of-town trip only to find on arrival at the point of inspection that the request has been cancelled, the applicant should be billed for the travel expenses incurred on the regular FPI-2 form with a statement similar to the following in place of the car number and fee: "Application cancelled by applicant after inspector left office to make inspection."

6f. NAMES FOR APPLE BOXES

In the Northwestern States only one apple box is in common use. No particular name is necessary, therefore, in mentioning this box in the certification of apples in those States. When the Northwestern box is used in Central and Eastern States it should be called the "Northwestern type apple box" in order to distinguish it from the Eastern type box.

The "Eastern type apple box" is made in several different sizes the boxes generally being marked with the capacity as - $1\frac{1}{4}$ bu., $1\frac{1}{5}$ bu. etc. It is necessary to show the size of this box when it is mentioned on the certificate. A statement similar to the following should be used: "Eastern type apple boxes marked $1\frac{1}{5}$ bushels". This supersedes Division Letter article 6f, Nov. 12, 1938.

¶f. USE OF TERMS "FAIRLY TIGHT" AND "TIGHT" IN CERTIFYING PACK OF EASTERN APPLE BOXES.

When the export standards were adopted the Eastern apple box with a face and fill pack was but little used in export. Its use has been increased during the last few years and the question is now raised as to how the pack in this container should be certified for export. Export standards for apples specify that apples in boxes must be generally "fairly tight" or "tight". The Handbook instructions covering Eastern apple boxes require the use of the terms "fairly well filled" or "well filled". It is believed best to use the terms "fairly tight" or "tight" since these are the terms written into our apple standards which have been widely distributed among exporters and foreign buyers. In the interest of uniformity the terms "tight" and "fairly tight" should also be used for domestic certification of the Eastern apple box except where the box is shipped without cover, as is occasionally done. The terms "well filled" and "fairly well filled" are appropriate for such a pack.

The terms "fairly tight" and "tight" should be applied as defined in Part II of the Receiving Point Handbook. It is not customary, however, to pack the Eastern apple box with as high a bulge as is customary in the Northwest. In all probability, therefore, the majority of Eastern apple boxes which have been in storage for any length of time will show only a "fairly tight pack."

8f. NEW CITRUS BOX WITHOUT PARTITION

A new citrus box which has the same capacity as the Standard box but which does not have a center partition is in use to a limited extent in Florida and Texas. No satisfactory short name has been suggested for this box. For the present it should be referred to in certificate writing as "Standard box without partition."

F.G. Robb

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LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALLS

1a. The following quotes a memorandum signed by our Business Manager, F.J. Hughes, under date of October 12, 1939:

"It appears that considerable doubt exists in some of our field offices regarding the use of Form AD-102 in connection with long distance telephone calls. This memorandum is for the purpose of clarifying this point and of defining more specifically the type of calls requiring the individual certification on the form referred to.

"Under existing practices telephone calls are classed as local, interzone and long distance. In a decision dated June 17, 1939 (A-13067) the Comptroller General of the United States has ruled that interzone calls are not subject to the special certification requirements contained in the Interior Department Appropriation Act for 1940. This decision, in part, is as follows:

'Interzone messages can ordinarily be made by calling the same telephone operators who serve the metropolitan areas, while special operators must be utilized for long-distance calls beyond the established telephone zones. It is the view of this office that interzone messages are not to be classed as long distance toll messages with respect to the requirement as to special certification of telephone invoices. Local and interzone charges need not be specially certified.

'However, it appears that no inconvenience or confusion should be caused by the required certification of long-distance telephone charges, as it is believed there will be but few cases in which the telephone company's monthly invoices will not include long-distance tolls, for which the prescribed certificate must be furnished.'

"In those cities such as New York, Philadelphia and others that carry an extra charge for interzone calls, which calls are made through a local operator are not to be considered as long distance telephone calls in meeting the requirements of Administrative Memorandum 144."

2a. DISCOUNT VOUCHERS

The following quotes a memorandum signed by our Business Manager, F.J. Hughes, under date of November 7, 1939:

"Prompt handling of vouchers involving a discount for payment within the number of days specified, is necessary if we are to avoid losing the discount. The forwarding of receipted copies of purchase orders to Washington has been delayed in some instances in our field offices, thus delaying the processing of the vouchers involved within the limited time allowed for discount. Many vendors offer a very substantial discount for prompt payment, such as 10%--20 days, etc., which, in the course of a year represents a considerable savings on our purchases.

"Purchase orders involving discounts should receive special handling by both Washington and field offices and receipted copies of such orders executed by the Washington office should be transmitted by the Division concerned by messenger direct to the Procurement Section. Field offices will transmit with covering memorandum receipted copies of purchase orders direct to the Procurement Section rather than through the Division as has been the practice in some instances heretofore and will forward a copy of the memorandum to the Division in Washington. Field offices located at points requiring more than two days for transmittal of mail to Washington will transmit by air mail all receipted copies of purchase orders involving a discount of \$3.00 or more.

"The procurement Section will check the voucher of the vendor and the receipted copy of the purchase order to determine that prices and quantities are in agreement with the original order and immediately certify the voucher for payment. A "Discount" tag will be attached to the voucher and forwarded by messenger to the Administrative Audit Unit of the Section of Budget and Accounts where it will be processed for payment without delay."

3a. AUTOMOBILE BATTERIES ON CONTRACT

Due to the fact that some field offices, to which Government-owned automobiles are assigned, are disregarding the instructions appearing in item 5a, of the Division Letter dated January 27, 1939, the item is repeated:

"Inasmuch as automobile batteries are on Government contract they should not be purchased locally for Government cars without first contacting the Washington office which is in position to advise the field office the contract price and name of the contractor, if the need is so urgent as to make it impossible to await delivery on usual requisition. This will avoid disallowance of payment of a higher price by the General Accounting Office when the voucher is passed upon for payment."

4a. PREPARATION OF GOVERNMENT B/L

The General Accounting Office now requires that a description of contents and the individual weight be shown for each package or box listed on a Government Bill of Lading. Unless this information is shown, the B/L will not be certified for payment by the G.A.O. Complete cooperation in this matter is urged in order to expedite payment of the freight or express vouchers.

We also take occasion at this time to again call attention to the fact that it is necessary to put the estimated cost of the shipment on the Memorandum copy of each B/L.

5a. CONCERNING THOSE MAIL REPORTS

There still appears to be some misunderstanding as to the months in which the mail should be counted and weighed - a subject discussed in several recent D.L. items. To clarify the question - reports are required for the first month of the quarter only. This means that the mail must be counted and weighed for the months of January, April, July and October of each year.

6a. PAYEES SHOULD BE CORRECTLY DESIGNATED ON ALL VOUCHERS

Under date of October 13, 1939, the following quoted instructions were received from the U.S. Treasury Department:

"The Division of Disbursement has experienced considerable uncertainty, and there has been a marked lack of uniformity, in connection with the designation of the payee or payees of Government checks, due to the manner in which vouchers have been prepared and submitted for payment. It has been generally understood that the language appearing in the captions of the vouchers indicates the manner in which the agencies submitting the vouchers desire the check to be drawn, and such checks are being drawn accordingly. The Comptroller General has taken the position that it is as much the duty of the certifying officer 'to determine the claimant to whom payment shall be made as it is to determine the amount to be paid.' Therefore, in order to facilitate the preparation of checks by Treasury disbursing officers and the payment of such checks by the Treasurer of the United States, it is suggested that the following rules should be uniformly followed by all agencies in the preparation of vouchers:

"Individuals. In all cases the full Christian name, additional initials, if any, and surname should be used.

"In the case of married women, the husband's name preceded by the designation 'Mrs.' should not be used.

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"Partnerships. Partnership vouchers should be drawn in the firm name."

-MARKET NEWS SERVICE-

1b. ADDITIONS TO THE D, GOB, PA-PE, AND WA PAGES OF THE CODE. (Effective Nov. 28, 1939)

On the D (SHIPMENTS AND RECEIPTS) page of the code change the meaning of
DOJ Greeley Section, Colo. to read

DOJ Red River Valley Section

On the GOB (MISCELLANEOUS F.O.B. PHRASES) page of the code add
GOBEH Sales for emergency relief*

On the PA-PE (POTATO-WHITE) page of the code add
PEQ U.S. No. 1 and U.S. Commercial

On the WA (MISCELLANEOUS) page of the code change

UM rough

UN round to read

UM medium to large

UN small to medium

Several of these phrases were suggested by Mr. Sutton

2b. HEAVY RAINS REDUCE FLORIDA ACREAGE

Unusually heavy rains during the summer and early fall have greatly reduced the acreage of crops in South Florida. The acreage in Dade County is possibly the hardest hit. Early plantings of potatoes and tomatoes were practically a complete loss, and a great many tomato seed beds were also destroyed. The land is just beginning to dry out at this time, and the first plantings of potatoes begin this week. It will probably be another week or two before tomato setting begins to any appreciable extent. In Broward County and the eastern part of Palm Beach County a large part of the early acreage of beans and peppers was lost. However, on the best-drained farms the crops are progressing fairly well, and harvesting of beans in a limited way will begin in about ten days, with a fair increase in volume by the middle of December. Practically all pepper acreage is delayed and it will be January before any volume of this commodity is shipped from this section. In the Lake Okeechobee Section, judging from the amount of beans being harvested at this time, fall plantings were reduced about 50% of normal due to the wet condition of the land. There are about 1800 acres of Red Bliss potatoes planted in this section which are making excellent growth and which are due to be harvested during the latter part of December and January. There is reported to be considerable increase above the normal acreage of peas planted for winter harvest. Some private estimates place the acreage at 8000 acres. The progress of this crop has been very good under favorable growing seasons. The usual cabbage acreage is being planted, and it is expected that between 800 and 1000 acres of celery will be grown this season.

Due to the reduction in acreage the volume of beans going out from this section has been considerably below normal and has met with an excellent demand. The movement by rail from Florida for the week ending November 11 was 87 cars. Truck shipments for this period were the equivalent of 114 cars. Practically all bean shipments from the state are originating in the Everglades Section. The market has been strong during the past week, with almost daily advances. The Bountiful variety constitutes possibly 75% of the present volume, with Tendergreens being the next in importance. Stringless Black Valentines have been very light due to the fact that this particular variety of bean is not very productive in this section until cooler weather sets in. (J. B. Owens, 11/14/39)

TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE

<u>Stations</u>	<u>Mail List</u>	<u>In Charge</u>	<u>Products</u>	<u>First Bulletin</u>	<u>Probably Will Close</u>
*Belle Glade, Florida	937	J.B.Owens	Beans	Nov. 6	Dec. 23
*Grand Rapids, Mich. 412 P.O. Bldg.	895	R.E.Keller	Apples Onions Potatoes	Nov. 3 Nov. 3 Nov. 3	Jan. 13 March 30 April 13
Idaho Falls, Idaho 206 Federal Bldg.	(845-R)	R.G.Risser	Potatoes	Sept. 25	April 13
*Lakeland, Florida P.O. Box 191	920	H.F.Willson	Citrus	Oct. 3	June 15
*Phoenix, Arizona 610 Security Bldg.	815	A.M.McDowell	Lettuce	Nov. 29	Jan. 10
*Presque Isle, Maine Federal Bldg.	(842-R)	S.W.Russell	Potatoes	Sept. 17	May 20
*Rochester, N.Y. 300 Terminal Bldg.	837	J.C.Keller	Apples Cabbage Carrots Celery Grapes Onions Pears Peaches Potatoes	Sept. 5 Sept. 5 Sept. 7 Sept. 5 Sept. 25 Sept. 5 Sept. 5 Sept. 7 Oct. 11	May 20 Feb. 24 May 20 Jan. 3 Oct. 21 April 22 Nov. 4 Sept. 28 May 6
*Waupaca, Wisconsin Court House	(894-R)	P.A.Nicholson	Potatoes	Sept. 1	March 31
Weslaco, Texas Post Office Bldg.	931	R.E.Winfrey	Citrus	Oct. 16	May 15

THE FOLLOWING STATION IS EXPECTED TO CLOSE ON THE DATE INDICATED

Martinsburg, W.Va.	(835-R)	R.M.Peterson	Apples	Sept. 12	Nov. 16
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* State cooperating

R.M.Peterson - on leave

Division Letter, November 17, 1939

-PROCESSED FOODS STANDARDIZATION AND INSPECTION-

1d. STATEMENT TO BE TYPED ON FORM 64 CERTIFICATE UNDER "REMARKS"

Sometime ago stamps reading "IMPORTANT - ABOVE SAMPLES NOT OFFICIALLY DRAWN" were sent to the various processed foods offices to be used in issuing certificates of grade on samples not officially drawn. The purpose of this stamp was to bring forcibly to the attention of all who receive certificates the fact that the grading reflected in the certificate did not reflect the grading of a specific lot.

It appears that the trade is now sufficiently informed relative to the difference in our Form 63 and 64 certificates as to make the use of the statement in such bold type unnecessary. Therefore, the use of this stamp may now be discontinued but the following statement should be typed under "Remarks" on each Form 64 certificate except those covering samples drawn by a licensed sampler or Federal-State inspector, "Above samples not officially drawn."

2d. FOOD, DRUG AND COSMETICS ACT

A copy of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetics Act and General Rules and Regulations for its Enforcement has been mailed to each office handling processed fruits and vegetables.

PAUL M. WILLIAMS

-INSPECTION SERVICE-

1f. VIRGINIA STANDARDS FOR APPLES

A copy of Virginia Standards for Apples, effective August 15, 1936, was mailed on November 15 to each inspector.

2f. IDAHO AND U. S. STANDARDS FOR GRADING AND PACKING APPLES

A copy of Idaho and U.S. Standards for Grading and Packing Apples (1939-1940), issued by the State of Idaho Department of Agriculture, accompanies this D. L. for each inspector.

3f. MEXICO TOMATOES

R. H. Bertelson, who is now at Nogales, Arizona, (P.O. Box 1646) writes the following interesting information: "The first car of tomatoes is expected around the 15th of November. I have not been able to get any estimates on the actual acreage in Mexico this season, but the shippers I have been able to contact estimate that the early acreage is about twice as large as last season but approximately one half of this acreage was damaged by heavy rain storms the early part of October, leaving an early acreage approximately the same as last season. The later acreage in Sinaloa is estimated to be from 50-60% of last season's plantings. If weather conditions are normal it is estimated there will be sufficient acreage to ship as many cars as last season. You will recall last season's frost damage was estimated from 40-60%."

4f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Indiana onion and potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Warsaw, Indiana.

For Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Gibbon, Nebraska.

For Virginia apple reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, 417 North Cameron St., Winchester, Va.

For West Virginia apple reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Martinsburg, W. Va.

5f. PLEASE ADD TO THE LIST OF PAST DUE ACCOUNTS:

Ohio Department of Welfare	Columbus, Ohio	
in addition to \$6.00 which appeared in		
Division Letter of 10/6/39	add	\$24.70

B.A.Peters	Benton Harbor, Mich.	2.50
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6f. PLEASE DEDUCT FROM THE LIST OF PAST DUE ACCOUNTS:

L.J.Briggs	Caribou, Maine	\$1.00
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R.J.Montgomery,	Dania, Florida	4.00
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Robert Bier

TOTAL SHIPPING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING OCTOBER, 1939.

(l.c.l.'s reduced to carlot equivalents)

<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or Carlot Equiv.</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or Carlot Equiv.</u>
Arizona	38	Minnesota	1328
California	6513 $\frac{1}{2}$	Nebraska	141
Colorado	1563	New Jersey	74
Florida	5783	New York	968
Idaho	6209	North Dakota	1413
Illinois	48 $\frac{1}{2}$	Oregon	2950 $\frac{1}{2}$
Indiana	58	Pennsylvania	718 $\frac{1}{2}$
Iowa	13	Texas	2747
Kansas	68	Utah	249*
Louisiana	750	Wisconsin	136
Maine	1302 $\frac{1}{2}$	Wyoming	40
Michigan	2431-1/3	TOTAL	35,542-5/6

* There were 310 tracklots aggregating 3,208,380 pounds of various fruits and vegetables inspected under State Regulatory Acts.

The following reports not yet received: Delaware, Maryland, Montana, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Virginia, Washington and West Virginia.

Inspections for F.S.C.C. not included in the above:- California 303, Colorado 302, Idaho 372, Illinois 16, Indiana 106 $\frac{1}{2}$, Maine 16, Massachusetts 112, New Hampshire 12, New Jersey 127, New York 40 $\frac{1}{2}$, Utah 144, and Vermont 30 $\frac{1}{2}$.

In addition to the above, inspections were made in the following market for the F.S.C.C. in the amount indicated: Hartford, Conn. 13.

<u>RECEIVING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING OCTOBER, 1939.</u>					
<u>Total</u>			<u>Total</u>		
<u>Markets</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Same Month Last year</u>	<u>Markets</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Same Month Last Year</u>
Albany	10	14	Milwaukee	38	42
Atlanta	54	112	Minneapolis	20	18
Baltimore	55	49	Newark	41	30
Boston	222	105	New Haven	20*	20
Buffalo	71	16	New Orleans	94	128
Chicago	207	207	New York	455	269
Cincinnati	28	30	Norfolk	71	23
Cleveland	48	72	Oklahoma City	22	14
Columbus	34	27	Philadelphia	78	58
Denver	11	18	Phoenix	0	1
Detroit	182	42	Pittsburgh	47	78
East Providence	15	25	Portland	10	26
Fort Worth	6	14	Rochester	8	10
Harrisburg	3	1	St. Louis	36	79
Hartford	53	34	Salt Lake City	0	2
Houston	27	56	Seattle	69	2
Indianapolis	13	18	Tampa	1	2
Jacksonville	78	27	Washington, D.C.	4	9
Kansas City	75	69	TOTAL	2225	1807
Los Angeles	15	25	Total fees assessed for		
Memphis	7	1	October, 1939-\$9,203.04		
Miami	11	34	\$9,420.94		

*Compiled from certificates in file. 1256 cars inspected for Western Perishable Carload Receivers' Assn., New York City.

INSPECTIONS OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FOR USE BY VARIOUS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES
(All figures represent fruits and vegetables in pounds)

October, 1939.

Cities	Navy	Veterans'	Marine &	Coast	Public	State	Steamship
		Hospitals	Quarter-	Guard &	Health &	County	
			Master		N.Y. Medical:	City	
			Commission:		Center	Federal	Institution:
			Corps			Agency:	Lines
Baltimore	-	-	-	-	-	3,970	15,543
Boston	-	-	-	-	-	315,908	-
Chicago	-	12,101	-	-	-	-	-
Denver	-	-	-	-	28,000	-	-
Great Lakes	321,420	98,075	-	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles	-	303,337	-	-	-	31,630	-
Memphis	-	22,879	-	-	-	-	-
Milwaukee	-	87,861	-	-	-	140,318	-
Newark	12,100	50,493	-	-	-	146,746	-
New York	201,664	103,010	23,736	63,034	201,972	420,905	1,004,706
Norfolk	695,215	-	-	14,717	-	-	-
Philadelphia	298,461	62,827	12,584	-	-	218,370	-
Pittsburgh	-	25,514	-	-	-	39,890	-
St. Louis	-	20,641	-	-	-	9,437	-
San Diego	1,307,575	-	227,848	10,693	-	1,495	-
San Francisco	1,012,010	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Pedro	1,703,636	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vallejo	349,880	-	22,240	-	-	-	-
Washington, D.C.	-	-	-	-	-	17,683	-
TOTAL	6,462,011	786,738	236,408	88,444	201,972	70,634	1,020,249
GRAND TOTAL	10,594,984	-	-	-	-	-	-

OFFICE NOTES

Bolling Hall, of the Atlanta office, has been detailed to the New Orleans office for several weeks in order to assist with the unusually heavy volume of inspection work at that point.

Having closed the Easton, Md., Processed Foods office on November 1, E.R. Thompson spent a few days in the Washington office en route to California where he will confer with officials at Fresno and San Francisco prior to the opening of a temporary office which he will conduct at Fresno for the purpose of grading large quantities of raisins under the F.S.C.C. purchasing program.

E.J. Evans has returned to the New York City Processed Foods office from various points in western New York where he inspected quantities of canned goods comprising purchases made by the State for its various institutions.

F. E. Kast is in the Baltimore inspection office relieving F.S. Shreve, who will be on leave until December 9.

R.R. Pailthorp left Washington on November 12, for approximately 10 days, during which time he will be in Florida for the purpose of attending conferences with inspectors and supervisors relative to the interpretation of the U.S. Standards for citrus which are being used as a basis of certification for all shipments from that State.

J. E. Dodds has been visiting various points in the State of Washington for the purpose of conferring with dehydrators of apples relative to inspection work to be done in connection with the F.S.C.C. purchasing program for this product.

F. G. Robb went to Florida on November 12 where he will remain for about ten days in connection with the supervision of the citrus inspection work which is unusually heavy this season, such inspections being compulsory under the A.A.A. Marketing Agreement.

E.P. Bostwick is spending several days on field travel in California inspecting canned fruits and vegetables covering commercial purchases as well as purchases made under various Government contracts.

On November 11, H.S. Slamp, of the Philadelphia Processed Foods Office, gave a demonstration involving the grading of canned and processed foods and talked to a class in Agricultural Economics from the Pennsylvania State College on questions concerning the grading and inspection work conducted by the Project.

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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION LETTER

1a. HELP LOCATE ERVIN T. TRANTHAM

Ervin T. Trantham, formerly a produce dealer in Asheville, North Carolina, who received supplies both by truck and by rail, is wanted by the United States Attorney in connection with a case under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act. Trantham might be located almost anywhere. If his present whereabouts are known, please wire H.A. Spilman immediately.

-PROCESSED FOODS STANDARDIZATION AND INSPECTION-

1d. CARE OF VACUUM GAUGES, SCALES, AND CAN OPENERS

From time to time vacuum gauges are being returned to Washington for repairs. For the most part the stems are merely clogged and can be cleaned by merely inserting a wire of appropriate size diameter in the aperture at the point, dislodging the obstruction and washing out with hot water.

In the future before sending gauges to Washington, make certain the instrument is beyond repair at the grading laboratory. Eventually some gauges, after continuous use, have to be sent to the manufacturer for major repairs, but in the great majority of cases gauges can be cleaned in any of the canned foods offices in a very few minutes.

Scales should be dismantled at least once a year and the bearing knives and sockets wiped and, if rusty, brightened with emory paper.

Can openers should be immersed in hot water occasionally, cleaned, and reoiled. With proper care any of these items will give good service for an indefinite period.

Paul M. Williams

-MARKET NEWS SERVICE-

1b. ADDITIONS TO GOD-GOT PAGE OF CODE (Effective December 9, 1939)

On the Miscellaneous Market Phrases (GOD-GOT) page of the code, add

GODON Brokers' sales from trucks
GODOP Brokers' sales from warehouses

These terms are added at the suggestion of Mr. Hansen of the Portland office.

2b. LETTERS FROM FIELD SHOULD BE TIMED FOR PUBLICATION IN D.L.

The untimely arrival of many interesting letters from our field offices prevents their publication in the Division Letter. For example, the last D.L. was dated November 17. After the stencils had been cut and sent to the mimeograph room for mimeographing and assembling, four letters arrived, each dated November 18. These arrived too late to be published in the D.L. of November 17 and the information is now considered too "stale" for publication in this issue. It should be borne in mind that the D.L. is dated every other Friday. It is obvious that the letters must arrive a few days prior to publishing date of the D.L. if they are to appear therein. Please let us have your cooperation.

3b. VEGETABLE MOVEMENT FROM THE SANTA MARIA GUADALUPE DISTRICT

There has been little demand for anise during the week November 20-25. There has been an occasional sale at around \$1.25 and as high as \$1.50 in mixed cars.

Broccoli has been in good demand throughout the week. The first part of the week the f.o.b. cash market was around \$1.40 on shoots and \$1.60 on heads; the middle of the week, \$1.50 on shoots and \$1.75 on heads; the latter part of the week \$1.75 on shoots and \$1.90 on heads. Supplies are light at present and lack of rain has retarded maturity, however today (Saturday) it has been raining since 9:30 this morning.

Carrots were in good demand during the first part of the week, at \$1.35-1.75; however during the latter part of the week, the demand has fallen off some and \$1.30 seems to be the top price today for first class stock.

The chicory movement this week has been confined to mixed cars. Cash prices, as well as net wire sales, have been reported at \$1.25-1.35 in mixed cars.

There continues a lack of a demand for celery and most of the movement indicated above has been on various deals, guarantees, joint accounts, combination guarantee joints, consignments and a few cash sales at 95-\$1.00 on small sizes. It is to be noted however, that yields are heavy this year due to the favorable growing weather and should market conditions change later in the year it may enable the shippers to recover on their present losses on this commodity.

VEGETABLE MOVEMENT FROM THE SANTA MARIA GUADALUPE DISTRICT (cont'd)

No straight cars of lettuce have been shipped during the week. Practically all of the movement of this commodity having gone dry-pack to Los Angeles.

The rain which started this morning and has continued up until 4:00 P.M. and shows signs of continuing all night, will prove beneficial to all vegetable crops in this district. It will be especially helpful to cauliflower and broccoli which have suffered from the continued warm and dry weather of the past month. Should the rain continue it will affect the movement of carrots and celery since the fields will be too muddy to harvest without special effort. (Thos. C. Sublett, Jr., November 25, 1939)

4b. REVIEW SALINAS-WATSONVILLE LETTUCE DEAL

Demand and trading continued slow throughout most of the week (Nov. 20-25th) due mostly to heavy movement the previous week and continued heavy shipments. With perfect weather many fields were ready for harvest a little earlier than anticipated.

The Salt River Valley deal in Arizona started this week in a small way and early estimates were from 150 to 400 cars for the coming week, while the estimate for the district here is around 650 cars, which is supposed to practically end the deal here. Along with plenty of lettuce in sight and the first Thanksgiving trading over, leaving over 300 cars on track in the 16 eastern cities, the market was weak and dull the first four days, but demand and trading improved Friday as reports came from Phoenix that shipments would probably be lighter than first estimated due to warm weather. (W.R. Goodwin, 11/26/39)

B.C. Boree

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			Grapes	Sept. 25	Oct. 21	
			Onions	Sept. 5	April 22	
			Pears	Sept. 5	Nov. 4	
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* State cooperating

R.H.Peterson - on leave

-INSPECTION SERVICE-

1f. SCHEDULING PRODUCE AGENCY FEES

The General Accounting Office has advised us that it will be preferable to list Produce Agency inspection fees on schedules with regular fees. Produce Agency fees should be grouped together after the regular fees and, like the regular inspection fees, should be credited to 124310 Misc. Rev. Reimb. etc. and the purpose should be stated as, "fees for P.A.A. Inspection". The inspections should be reported under "Remarks" on the monthly report and the fees listed in one of the blank spaces under "Fees Assessed" on the monthly report. One copy of each certificate with the fee slip attached should be kept in a separate file so that the records covering this work will not be confused with those covering regular inspections under the Farm Products Inspection Act.

This supersedes paragraph 224 on Page 52 of the Receiving Point Handbook Part 1.

2f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Indiana onion and potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Warsaw, Indiana.

For Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

For Virginia apple reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, 417 North Cameron St., Winchester, Va.

For West Virginia apple reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Martinsburg, W.Va.

For Wyoming reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

3f. PLEASE ADD TO LIST OF PAST DUE ACCOUNTS

Walling and Company	518 Washington St.,	\$8.14
	Johnstown, Pa.	

F.G. Robb

OFFICE NOTES:

Receiving Point Inspection Station Address Lists should be corrected to show J. H. Dixon in Tampa, Florida, 415 Wallace S Building. He is a State regional supervising inspector of shipping point work and will make Condition inspections on interstate shipments received in Tampa. H.M.Riley is in charge of shipping point work in Florida with headquarters at Winter Haven, Room 19 Postal Arcade Bldg., P.O. Box 1232. Telephone 28521.

F.E.Kast is in the Baltimore office relieving F.S.Shreve who (we learn via grapevine telegraph) is on a wedding trip, having been married on November 23.

W. A. Dorman of the New York City inspection office is in the Washington Processed Foods Inspection office where he will assist with the work for approximately six weeks during the absence of L.M.Billman, due to illness.

R.B.Landrum has been away from the Oklahoma City office for a few weeks, not expecting to return before December 11, due to illness. Mr. Landrum may be reached through the office of H.T.Longino, Harlingen, Texas.

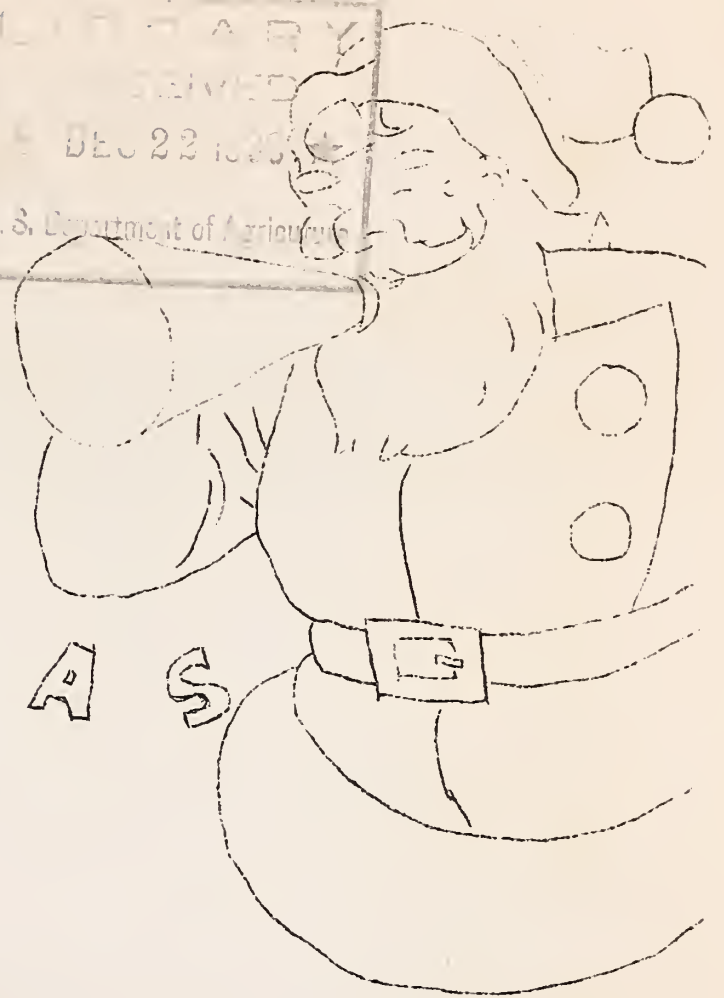
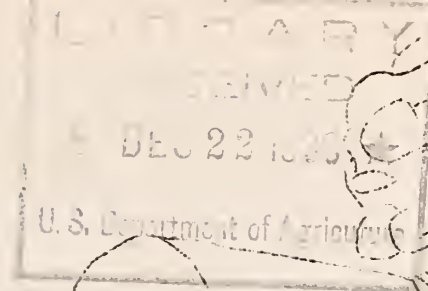
On December 4, Wm. G. Meal will attend two meetings to be held in Chicago, first, the Fruit and Vegetable Committee of the American Farm Bureau Federation at which he will report on the "Present Status of Crop Estimates, Market News Service, Grading Standards, etc." At the Vegetable Growers Association of America Mr. Meal will explain the provisions of H.R. 5530, now pending, designed to (1) fix standards for till baskets and boxes, Clinax baskets, hampers, round stave baskets, drums, market baskets, barrels, cartons, crates, boxes, sacks, and other containers for fruits and vegetables; (2) to consolidate existing laws on this subject. Before returning to Washington Mr. Meal will go to Detroit to confer with members of the Service and the trade.

D.S. Matheson advises his residential address at Buffalo, New York, is Hotel Buffalo, corner Washington and Swan Streets. Residential telephone: Washington 4560.

A.H.Polster will be on leave from the Columbus office during the period December 26-March 4, 1940.



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M E R R Y C H R I S T M A S

Vol. 20, No. 25. December 15, 1939
Fruit and Vegetable Division Letter.

The season is approaching when we can lay aside our duties for a brief time and enjoy the holiday period. In a real sense it gives us an opportunity to pause and reflect on the work we have done, and the outlook for the coming year.

As we look back over the year 1939, I think you will agree that it has been an unusual one in many respects. Aside from the marketing activities of the fruit and vegetable industry which have engaged our attention, we are passing through a period in which events of world-wide importance are transpiring and leaving their imprint on the pages of history. There are many people in various parts of the world to whom the coming year presents a dark and discouraging outlook. This is a time when all people should appreciate in the fullest sense the spiritual message given the world on the first Christmas: "On earth peace, good will toward men."

We have much to be thankful for this year, and in this Christmas season we should be grateful for the material well-being it has been our privilege to enjoy, and for the opportunity of serving the public which our work affords us.

The Christmas season marks the beginning of the new year to which we can look ahead with confidence. Opportunities for service will not be less, and they probably will be increased. Further refinements in the operation of the Agricultural Marketing Service can be expected as experience is gained in the organization and handling of the work. We will doubtless find ways and means by which we can improve our work in the Division and make it more efficient as the new year unfolds.

I want to thank each one of you for the work which you have done and for the many personal courtesies and the hearty cooperation you have so freely extended to me. Our cooperative spirit should be a source of real gratification to all of us, and an inspiration to help us to meet better the problems which are ahead.

I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

W. G. Neal

1a. INSTRUCTIONS FOR SERVICE TRUCK CROP PRODUCTION AND MARKETING INFORMATION WORK IN 1940.

There is enclosed a mimeographed copy of instructions released recently to the field offices of the Division of Agricultural Statistics outlining the procedure to be followed in speeding up and coordinating the assembling and dissemination of truck crop production and marketing information. The proposed program is to be undertaken January 1, 1940 as a Service-wide activity. You will note that close coordination between the respective offices of the Division of Agricultural Statistics and those of our Division is required in order to operate it successfully. It is essential that market news representatives and shipping point supervising inspectors stand ready to cooperate to the fullest extent in providing such information as they may have when called upon by the regional and State representatives of Agricultural Statistics, and to disseminate in our market news outlets the information relayed to us. We hope that this activity will function smoothly from the beginning, although we must realize that some experience in handling it may be needed before it can be placed on the most efficient basis.

We shall be glad to receive comments or suggestions which you feel will improve the functioning of this project.

W.G. Neal

2a. HELP LOCATE H.A. GREEN

The Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act Section is endeavoring to locate H. A. Green, formerly operating as a commission merchant at Charlotte, North Carolina. Any advice concerning the present address of Mr. Green will be appreciated by H.A. Spilman.

3a. MOTOR VEHICLE MONTHLY EXPENSE REPORTS

We are requested by the Business Manager to submit the monthly Motor Vehicle Expense Reports, Form AMS-15, to the Procurement Section not later than the 15th day of the following month. These reports should, therefore, reach Mrs. Mills not later than the 12th day of the month. Please keep this in mind.

4a. EMPLOYEES EXCUSED FROM DUTY DECEMBER 23 and 30.

By Executive Order issued November 30, 1939, our employees (Field and Washington) will be excused from official duties all day on December 23 and 30.

Employees, other than temporary, absent on annual leave during periods which include December 23, 1939, or December 30, 1939, shall not be charged with any leave on those days. Employees absent on sick leave or leave without pay on December 23 or December 30, 1939, shall be charged with a full day of sick leave or leave without pay for such days.

-MARKET NEWS SERVICE-

1b. NEW ORLEANS OFFICE BUILDS UP MAILING LIST

The mailing list of the New Orleans office has more than doubled since the office was opened early last September. This increase is attributed in large part to the following statement prepared by R.C. Elliott and read as a part of the fruit and vegetable report given each morning over Station WWL, New Orleans:

"Market prices of fruits and vegetables and other valuable information is released daily in mimeographed form by the Agricultural Marketing Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. If you are a farmer or dealer in fruits and vegetables you can obtain these reports free of charge by writing the Market News Service, 323 Custom House Bldg., New Orleans, or care the Dixie Farm Program WWL."

The use of such a statement in radio releases is not generally recommended. In special cases, however, it may serve a valuable purpose.

2b. WISCONSIN POTATOES

The demand for Wisconsin potatoes has been somewhat better during the last ten days with the f.o.b. market making a 10¢ advance on best stock of Round Whites in hundred pound sacks. However, a lighter demand was in evidence at the beginning of this week.

Carlot shipments continued light from Wisconsin with less than one hundred cars reported shipped during the ten day period. Haulings were very light, with most growers holding their best stock for higher prices.

A wide range in quality is being exhibited by potatoes in this area. Several cars are being shipped with the sacks tagged "Unclassified." Some of the stock so marked is actually of an unclassified type, while apparently some sacks are so tagged in order to avoid coming under the provisions of a recently enacted Wisconsin statute requiring Federal-State inspection on lots of four thousand pounds or more of potatoes which are represented as being of a grade other than "Unclassified."
(Paul A. Nicholson, 12/12/39)

3b. VEGETABLE MOVEMENT FROM THE SANTA MARIA GUADALUPE DISTRICT

There was no demand for Anise during the week and no sales were reported.

Broccoli was in fair demand on Monday the 4th and the prevailing price on that date was \$1.25-1.40 on shoots and \$1.50-1.60 on heads. After Monday and through the balance of the week the demand was better and the market held around \$1.40-1.50 on shoots and \$1.65-1.75 on heads.

The strike of Celery field workers in the Stockton area was reported settled over the weekend of December 2-3, causing an immediate falling off of Celery demand in this district. Much of the movement of Monday and Tuesday consisted of cars bought previously and cars booked on those dates were bought at \$1.00-1.10. This same price held through Thursday the 7th and then with a rather slow demand dropped to around \$1.00 for the balance of the week. A number of joint deals, consignments and delivered sales were reported during the latter part of the week. During the past few weeks there has been an occasional sale of "Pascal Celery" at around 90¢.

The Chicory movement has been limited and with little demand. No sales have been reported and I understand shippers are asking around \$1.25.

Demand for Carrots during the week has likewise been slow and only occasional sales have been reported, these mostly around \$1.15-1.25 with most of the movement going east for delivered sales. In the Lompoc area a few sales were reported at \$1.40-1.50 on good quality stock.

The Cauliflower movement has been confined to mixed cars and sales have been reported at mostly 60¢, with an occasional at 65¢. (Thos.C. Sublett, Jr., 12/3/39).

B.C.Boree

TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE

<u>Stations</u>	<u>Mail List</u>	<u>In Charge</u>	<u>Products</u>	<u>First Bulletin</u>	<u>Probably Will Close</u>
*Belle Glade, Florida	937	J.B.Owens	Beans	Nov. 6	Dec. 23
*Grand Rapids, Mich. 412 P.O. Bldg.	895	R.E.Keller	Apples Onions Potatoes	Nov. 3 Nov. 3 Nov. 3	Jan. 13 March 30 April 13
Idaho Falls, Idaho 206 Federal Bldg.	(845-R)	R.G.Risser	Potatoes	Sept. 25	April 13
*Lakeland, Florida P.O. Box 191	920	H.F.Willson	Citrus	Oct. 3	June 15
*Phoenix, Arizona 602 Security Bldg.	815	A.M.McDowell	Lettuce	Nov. 27	Jan. 10
*Presque Isle, Maine Federal Bldg.	(842-R)	S.W.Russell	Potatoes	Sept. 17	May 20
*Rochester, N.Y. 300 Terminal Bldg.	837	J.C.Keller	Apples Cabbage Carrots Celery Grapes Onions Pears Peaches Potatoes	Sept. 5 Sept. 5 Sept. 7 Sept. 5 Sept. 25 Sept. 5 Sept. 5 Sept. 7 Oct. 11	May 20 Feb. 24 May 20 Jan. 3 Oct. 21 April 22 Nov. 4 Sept. 28 May 6
*Waupaca, Wisconsin Court House	(894-R)	P.A.Nicholson	Potatoes	Sept. 1	March 31
*Weslaco, Texas Post Office Bldg.	931	R.E.Winfrey	Citrus	Oct. 16	May 15

THE FOLLOWING STATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO OPEN ON THE DATES INDICATED

*Brawley, Calif.	933	A.M.McDowell	Lettuce	Jan. 12	Feb. 21
*Plant City, Fla.	850	R.M.Peterson	Strawberries	Jan. 4	March 30
*Pompano, Fla.	937	J.B.Owens	Beans Peppers Peas Tomatoes Potatoes	Dec. 27 Jan. 4 Jan. 4 Feb. 1 Feb. 1	April 6 April 6 March 10 April 6 April 6

* State cooperating

R.M. Peterson on leave

OFFICE NOTES:

Paul M. Williams is spending December 14-15 at Buffalo, N.Y. attending a meeting of the New York State Association of Cannerymen.

In the interest of the Standard Container Project, L.C. Carey will leave Washington about January 6 for an extended trip into the States of La., Ala., Tex., Ariz., Calif., Ore., Wash., Ida., Utah, Colo., and Ill. It is not expected he will return to Washington before March 7.

W.J. Chastain, of the Chicago market news office, will be in charge of the Cleveland market news office while T.R. Butts is on leave December 26, 1939 to March 6, 1940.

For Miss Agnes V. Kett of the Boston inspection office, wedding bells will be mingled with those of Christmas (so rumor has it) while she is on leave December 26 to January 10.

After a long period of relief duty at several of our inspection offices, R.M. Ferguson is again at his official headquarters, the Omaha inspection office.

Messrs. E.E. Conklin and W.C. Hackleman will be in Washington December 15 to attend conferences in connection with the work of the food products inspection service.

D.S. Matheson, Buffalo office, will be on leave during the period December 23 to January 20.

Wm. E. Phillips, New Haven office, will be on leave December 24 to February 3. D.L. Lacey, in addition to the work at Hartford, will handle requests for inspections at New Haven, at least until after January 1. Should the volume become too heavy after that date an inspector from the New York City office will be stationed at New Haven until Mr. Phillips returns.

We are sorry to learn that Edgar Krumm, inspector in the Cleveland office, will not be able to return to duty for several months due to injuries received as the result of an automobile accident on November 10, while in line of duty.

With further reference to the reassignment of space in the U.S. Court House at Portland, Oregon we are now advised that C.J. Hansen (Market News) is in Room 333; R.L. Ringer (Inspection) Room 308; W.A. Hilgeson (P.A.C.A.) and J.E. Dodds (Processed Foods) share Room 310.

-INSPECTION SERVICE-

1f. FORM F.P.I. 148, NOT NECESSARY ON PACIFIC COAST SHIPMENTS TO ARGENTINA.

The following quotation from a letter written by Geo. G. Becker of the Division of Foreign Plant Quarantines is self explanatory. In the future an F.P.I. 20 is all that will be necessary on shipments from the Pacific Coast to Argentina:

"It will be recalled that the Argentine sanitary requirements are specifically directed against plant pests which have not been found in apples and pears on the west coast. Since your form F.P.I. 20 is our best possible means of confirming west coast origin, it has been decided that the grade and quality inspection will be sufficient under the circumstances for west coast apples and pears. In the future, therefore, inspectors of the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine will accept form F.P.I. 20 for all certifications to Argentina. A special sanitary inspection for Argentina will therefore not be required.

"For Brazil and other foreign countries form F.P.I. 20 will have to be accompanied by form F.P.I. 148 giving a report of findings based uniformly on the required 2% inspection. Shippers of apples and pears to Argentina and Brazil should remember that if they wish to have a shipment qualify for both Argentina and Brazil, it will be necessary for them to get the required sanitary inspection in order that they may have the necessary form F.P.I. 148."

2f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Indiana onion and potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,
Warsaw, Indiana.

For Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff,
Nebraska.

For Virginia apple reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, 417
North Cameron St., Winchester, Va.

For West Virginia apple reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,
Martinsburg, W.Va.

For Wyoming reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff,
Nebraska.

3f. ANNUAL WARNING AS TO DANGER FROM CARBON MONOXIDE GAS IN HEATED CARS

Take no chances in the inspection of cars in which heaters have been burning. Note whether a car is placarded with the CPS card or has heaters in the bunkers, and ventilate thoroughly before entering. Several inspectors have had narrow escapes because they did not follow instructions in this connection.

4f. ENCLOSURE: Short Grade From - U.S. Standards for Citrus Fruits (1939) accompanies this D.L. for each inspector.

5f. INSPECTION OF CANNERY TOMATOES AND OTHER PRODUCTS 1938-1939.

The inspection of raw tomatoes was carried on in 13 states. The total tonnage is shown in the table below. Various other commodities as shown in this table were inspected for cannery or preserving purposes.

TOMATOES

<u>State</u>	<u>Tons Volume</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Tons Volume</u>
Colorado	4,758.0	New York	124,568.6
Delaware	3,125.7	Ohio	73,340.5
Illinois	26,133.0	Oregon	79.0
Indiana	153,636.3	Utah	51,504.0
Maryland	10,155.6	Virginia	12,510.9
Michigan	23,511.8	Wisconsin	392.1
New Jersey	108,096.0	TOTAL	591,791.5

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<u>New York</u>	<u>Tons Volume</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Tons Volume</u>
Apples	5,676.4	Cabbage (for kraut)	5,629.6
Asparagus	14.3	Corn	1,799.3
Beets	3,859.5	Cucumbers	1,131.6
Cherries	10,442.4	TOTAL	8,560.5
Grapes	18,299.0		
Peaches	225.0	<u>Maryland</u>	<u>Tons Volume</u>
Spinach	2,659.0	Corn	6,000.0
TOTAL	41,175.6	Peas	718.5
		TOTAL	6,718.5
<u>New Jersey</u>	<u>Tons Volume</u>		
Asparagus	4,751.6	<u>Wisconsin</u>	<u>Tons Volume</u>
GRAND TOTAL	343,215.2	Spinach	217.5

6f. DETERMINING WHEN CRACKED OR BROKEN SHELLS ARE DAMAGED IN CLEANED (UNSHELLED) VIRGINIA TYPE PEANUTS

Attention is called to definition (a) under "Damage" which reads "Cracked or Broken Shells" which have been injured to the extent that the injury extends through the shell wall.

Peanuts such as described in the definition are scored against the grade because of the possibility of insect infestation and the possible release of the kernels through the cracked or broken shells into the roaster during the roasting process. Generally when shells are cracked or broken the injury is such that visual examination is sufficient to determine the extent of the injury. Sometimes the injury is in the form of circular punctures of varying sizes caused by the picker points as the peanuts pass through the picking machine; or it may be in the form of small dark round holes which have the appearance of wire worm or grass root injury. Those types of injury may extend only part way into the shell wall and yet have the appearance of extending through it. Such peanuts are deceptive and unless it is clearly evident that the injury extends through the wall they should not be scored. To ascertain the extent of the injury and to verify the judgment of the inspector it is permissible to apply the point of a pencil or similar instrument to the injury but when so doing pressure should not be applied.

In some cases a closed hair line crack may be found at one end of the peanut. Such peanuts should not be scored against the grade, and pressure should not be applied to determine the extent of the crack.

F.G. Robb

INSPECTIONS OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FOR USE BY VARIOUS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES

November, 1939.

Cities	NAVY	Veterans'	Marine & Coast	Quarter-	Guard & Maritime	Health & Federal	Other	Public	State, County, City	Institu-	Steamship
		Hospitals	Corps	Commissioner	Center	Agencies	Agencies	Agencies	Agencies	Agencies	Agencies
Baltimore	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,733	-	-
Boston	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	237,299	-	-
Chicago	-	8,612	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Denver	-	-	-	-	-	-	27,500	-	-	-	-
Great Lakes	321,025	99,550	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles	-	517,500	65,188	-	-	-	-	-	71,762	-	7,643
Memphis	-	12,740	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Milwaukee	-	149,661	-	-	-	-	-	-	119,386	-	-
Newark	14,369	98,953	-	-	-	-	-	-	143,911	-	-
New York	200,124	74,567	29,932	73,162	211,909	14,873	-	-	515,548	743,177	-
Norfolk	683,875	-	-	5,897	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia	244,019	105,498	15,296	-	-	1,336	-	-	210,166	-	-
Pittsburgh	-	32,143	-	-	-	-	-	-	56,065	-	-
St. Louis	-	21,323	-	-	-	21,834 $\frac{1}{2}$	-	-	320,957 $\frac{3}{4}$	-	-
San Diego	1,541,639	-	205,950	9,740	-	1,348	-	-	-	-	-
San Francisco	1,216,756	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Pedro	1,515,331	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vallejo	586,295	-	19,079	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Washington, D. C.	-	-	-	-	-	10,995	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	6,123,993	920,607	535,445	88,799	211,909	77,886 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,737,837 $\frac{3}{4}$	750,820			
GRAND TOTAL	10,307,276 $\frac{1}{2}$										

RECEIVING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING NOVEMBER, 1939

Total			Same Month		
Inspections			Last Year		
Markets	Inspections	Last Year	Markets	Inspections	Last Year
Albany	0	8	Milwaukee	34	17
Atlanta	26	37	Minneapolis	38	11
Baltimore	22	27	Newark	24	22
Boston	196	176	New Haven	114	33
Buffalo	52	32	New Orleans	97	103
Chicago	204	193	New York	443	548
Cincinnati	23	18	Norfolk	59	14
Cleveland	31	38	Oklahoma City	11*	18
Columbus	30	32	Omaha	0	10
Denver	23	20	Philadelphia	52	48
Detroit	216	31	Pittsburgh	38	58
East Providence	17	15	Portland	28	42
Fargo	1	0	Rochester	2	9
Fort Worth	6	11	St. Louis	35	63
Harrisburg	1	1	Salt Lake City	0	5
Hartford	67	33	San Diego	0	2
Houston	20	49	San Francisco	10	2
Indianapolis	9	14	Seattle	10	0
Jacksonville	42	21	Tampa	1	15
Kansas City	64	65	Washington, D.C.	14	16
Los Angeles	6	43			
Memphis	14	7			
Miami	7	15			

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 Total fees assessed for November, 1939-\$8,513.49 Total last year \$9,345.75
 1263 cars inspected for Western Perishable Carload Receivers' Assn., New York City.
 *Compiled from certificates in file.

TOTAL SHIPPING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING NOVEMBER, 1939

(l.c.l.'s reduced to carlot equivalents).

State	Carlot or Carlot Equiv.	State	Carlot or Carlot Equiv.
California	4029 $\frac{1}{2}$	Nebraska	174
Colorado	1102 $\frac{1}{2}$	North Carolina	65
Florida	11566	North Dakota	538
Idaho	5251	Ohio	572 $\frac{1}{2}$
Indiana	27	Oregon	2047 $\frac{1}{2}$
Iowa	15	Pennsylvania	498 $\frac{1}{2}$
Louisiana	645	Texas	5131
Maine	1935 $\frac{1}{2}$	Utah	150*
Michigan	1785 $\frac{1}{2}$	West Virginia	308 $\frac{1}{2}$
Minnesota	641	Wisconsin	188
Montana	63	Wyoming	41
		TOTAL	36,775

*There were 413 trucklots aggregating 4,589,225 pounds of various fruits and vegetables inspected under State Regulatory Acts.

The following reports not yet received: Arizona, Delaware, Maryland, New Mexico, New Jersey, New York, South Carolina, Virginia and Washington.

Inspections for F.S.C.C. not included in the above: California 229, Colorado 73, Idaho 301, Illinois 5, Indiana 73 $\frac{1}{2}$, Utah 84, W.Va. 165.

In addition to the above, inspections were made in the following markets for the F.S.C.C. in the amount indicated: Hartford, Conn. 47, New Haven, Conn. 104.

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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION LETTER

1a. WARNING TO DRIVERS OF GOVERNMENT-OWNED AUTOMOBILES

In connection with a traffic accident involving one of our Government-owned automobiles it recently became necessary to request the employee who operated the Government-owned car to pay to the Government damages in the amount of \$15.50 covering the claim made upon the Government by the owner of the private car damaged in the accident. It was determined in the Office of the Solicitor that our employee was at fault in not yielding the right-of-way.

The amount of damages in this case is small. We desire, however, to bring the case to the attention of all employees who have occasion to drive Government-owned cars in the hope that it will assist in preventing incidents of this kind rather than to make it necessary for the Department to effect recoveries after the damage is done.

2a. HELP LOCATE SOL TURKIN

It is desired to locate a man named Sol Turkin, who also uses the names of Max Turetzky and Max Turkin. This man is reported as having impersonated a Federal officer, advising poultry farmers their flocks were diseased and must be destroyed. He then loads the poultry into his truck and disappears. All field representatives are requested to keep the matter in mind, and if definite information is obtained as to the whereabouts of this man, wire Mr. Spilman at once.

3a. MAIL REPORTS

Each field office is reminded that during January the mail is to be counted and weighed and the Form A.D.-150 report submitted to Washington at the end of the month. (See item 5a, D.L. dated Nov. 17, 1939)

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1b. ADDITIONS TO GOB, PA-PE, AND WO-WU PAGES OF THE CODE: Effective Jan.6,1940

On the GOB(MISCELLANEOUS FOB) page of the code add
 GOBIX* Shipments on guaranteed advances

Mr. McDowell, who suggests this code addition, states "Large quantities of [California] juice grapes are shipped on this basis, and when the market is weak more or less large quantities of melons, lettuce, and other vegetables are placed on guarantees. The guarantor sells the cars either on commission or on joint account, according to the arrangement with the shipper. The amount of the guarantee is paid at the time the car is shipped, and regardless of how low the car eventually sells no claim can be made against the shipper. When f.o.b. selling is difficult or when the shipper feels that the f.o.b. price is too low, guarantees may be accepted in order to provide funds for meeting current expenses, such as payrolls, bills for materials, etc."

On the WO-WU (MISCELLANEOUS SUPPLEMENT) page of the code add
 AW percent of inspected cars were standard pack

This is primarily for use in the Phoenix f.o.b. report, during the early part of the lettuce season. All cars in the Phoenix district are inspected, and to release the total number of inspections would place the inspection service in a position of revealing the number of cars loaded.

On the PA-PE (POTATO) page of the code cancel the meaning for
 IQ Minnesota Commercials and add
 IP 2 inch minimum, 20 to 30 percent 10 ounces and larger
 IQ 2 inch minimum, 30 percent or more 10 ounces and larger

These terms will be used in the potato f.o.b. coming from Idaho Falls.

2b. IDAHO POTATOES

Many growers in Idaho have recently shown a disposition to hold potatoes for later sale and have expressed the opinion that the market will improve as the season progresses. This has made it difficult for dealers to purchase supplies for current shipment and has been a factor in restricting the movement and advancing the prices. U.S. No. 2 have been scarce and have been actively picked up during the recent period of light shipments. This grade has shown an advancing trend during the past few days and U.S. No. 1 were also slightly stronger yesterday. (Ralph G. Risser, 12/22/39)

3b. WISCONSIN POTATOES

Shipments of potatoes from Wisconsin continued light during the past two weeks. The f.o.b. demand was generally light, with too few sales to establish a market on some days.

Hundred pound sacks of Round Whites, U.S. No. 1, generally commanded \$1.00-1.10 on an f.o.b. basis with the best stock mostly around \$1.05-1.10.

There has been practically no inquiry for seed stock from this section until today, when a light inquiry was reported. (Paul A. Nicholson, 12/26/39)

H.J. Clay

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*Grand Rapids, Mich. 412 P.O. Building.	895	R.E.Keller	Apples Onions Potatoes	Nov. 3 Nov. 3 Nov. 3	Jan. 13 March 30 April 13
Idaho Falls, Idaho 206 Federal Bldg.	845	R.G.Risser	Potatoes	Sept. 25	April 13
*Lakeland, Florida P.O. Box 191	920	H.F.Willson	Citrus	Oct. 3	June 15
*Plant City, Fla.	850	R.M.Peterson	Strawberries	Dec. 27	March 30
*Pompano, Fla.	937	J.B.Owens	Beans Peppers Peas Tomatoes Potatoes	Dec. 26 Jan. 4 Jan. 4 Feb. 1 Feb. 1	April 6 April 6 March 10 April 6 April 6
*Presque Isle, Me. (Fed. Bldg.)	842	S.W.Russell	Potatoes	Sept. 17	May 20
*Rochester, N.Y. 300 Terminal Bldg.	837	J.C.Keller	Apples Cabbage Carrots Celery Grapes Onions Pears Peaches Potatoes	Sept. 5 Sept. 5 Sept. 7 Sept. 5 Sept. 25 Sept. 5 Sept. 5 Sept. 7 Oct. 11	May 20 Feb. 24 May 20 Dec. 26 Oct. 21 April 22 Nov. 4 Sept. 28 May 6
*Sanford, Fla.	910	T.R.Butts	Celery	Jan. 8	April 30
*Waupaca, Wisconsin Court House	894	P.A.Nicholson	Potatoes	Sept. 1	March 31
*Weslaco, Texas Post Office Bldg.	931	R.E.Winfrey	Citrus	Oct. 16	May 15

THE FOLLOWING STATIONS WILL CLOSE ON THE DATES INDICATED

*Belle Glade, Fla.	937	J.B.Owens	Beans	Nov. 6	Dec. 22
*Phoenix, Arizona 602 Security Bldg.	815	A.M.McDowell	Lettuce	Nov. 27	Jan. 5

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1f. CANADIAN COUNTRY OF ORIGIN MARKING REQUIREMENTS

Effective January 1 the Canadian Customs Division will enforce the following regulations promulgated on November 28 and December 21:

"The indication of the country of origin must be

1. (a) indelible, plain, and of size reasonably in proportion to the size of the package, label or stencil;
 - (b) placed on one end or side of boxes, crates, lugs or barrels;
 - (c) placed on the lid, handle or one end of other packages;
 - (d) in the case of bags, stencilled, printed, interwoven or on a suitable tag attached.
2. Lithographed or printed label may be used on boxes and, if of durable material and varnished, may be used on barrel heads."

Since these are definite Canadian import requirements no lot of fruits or vegetables should be certified as meeting the Canadian import requirements unless it is marked as required by the above order. The required marking to indicate the country of origin is "Produce of U.S.A.", "Produce of Mexico" etc. or the word "Product" may be substituted for the word "Produce."

2f. SEND COPIES OF ALL WIRES REGARDING APPEAL INSPECTIONS TO REGIONAL SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE PROMPTLY

Our Regional Supervisors have advised that they frequently do not receive any information regarding appeal inspections until the copy of the appeal certificate comes in several days after it is issued. It is highly important that copies of appeal certificates be gotten into the Regional Supervisors' offices promptly for they frequently receive requests for information regarding appeals. It is also essential that they have copies of the wires which were exchanged in connection with appeals. If there is any reason for a delay in issuing the appeal certificate copies of wires relative to the appeal should be forwarded at once, the certificate copy to follow later. Promptness in keeping the Regional Supervisors advised on appeals will avoid embarrassment which is sometimes experienced when they are asked for information relative to such inspections before they have the facts at hand.

3f. REPORT APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF CONTAINERS IN L.C.L. LOTS ON FORM FPI-11a.

It is sometimes impracticable to determine the exact number of containers in l.c.l. lots. When this is impossible it is important, that the approximate number of containers in each l.c.l. lot be shown on the monthly report form FPI-11a. The approximate number of containers should be shown on l.c.l. certificates also as suggested in paragraph 59, Part II of the Receiving Point Handbook.

4f. CHARGES TO APPLICANTS FOR TRAVEL ON OUT-OF-TOWN INSPECTION TO BE UNIFORM

In the interest of uniformity in making charges for the travel of the inspector in connection with out-of-town inspections it has been decided that where travel is by Government or privately-owned automobile the charge will be \$.035 per mile regardless of what the round trip railroad or bus fare may be. If travel is by rail or bus the charge shall be the actual price of the round trip ticket.

There may be places where at times some trips will be made by bus or rail and at other times travel will be by automobile. If there is any complaint on the part of applicants that different charges are made at different times they should be advised that the use of the automobile with its higher cost per mile is in the interest of promptness of service both to the applicant and to others who may request inspections at about the same time. It is believed that all applicants will appreciate the greater promptness in making inspections which will result from the use of the automobile even at the higher cost. Three and a half cents per mile will also be the standard charge for travel in connection with inspection work for state, county or municipal agencies when either Government or private automobiles are used. In connection with making inspections for other Government agencies for which the inspection appropriation will be reimbursed the charge must be \$.032 per mile when Government/ ^{car} is used and \$.035 when private automobile is used.

This supersedes paragraph 200 of Receiving Point Handbook.

5f. DO NOT FILL ENVELOPES BEYOND REASONABLE CAPACITY

Due to the fact that letter size envelopes have a capacity for only 20 certificates they should not be filled beyond this number. When more than this number is placed in one envelope it arrives in Washington in a badly torn condition with certificates mutilated.

6f. OBTAINING REPORTS ON FLORIDA AND TEXAS CITRUS FRUITS

All offices are being mailed lists of Registered Brands for Florida and Texas Citrus Fruits. Under marketing agreements all citrus fruits from these States have been inspected and certificates issued. Where market offices desire to know only the grade they should refer to the Registered Brand List. Do not wire Washington. When a complete report of a lot of citrus from Texas or Florida is desired wire the Washington office.

7f. RECENT D.L. ENCLOSURE

With a recent issue of the Division Letter each inspection office was mailed a mimeographed "List of Inspection Equipment and Names of Concerns." Additional copies may be received upon request to the Washington office.

8f. PLEASE ADD TO LIST OF PAST DUE ACCOUNTS:

Frank Angelo,	Scranton, Pa.	\$12.75
California Valley Wine Co.	126 Rivington St.,	4.00
	New York, N.Y.	
G. Lindner	57 Broad St.,	8.00
	New York, N.Y.	
Colorado Produce Distributors,	Mitchell, Kebr.	8.00
R. Stenzel	233 Produce Bldg.,	
	Los Angeles, Calif.	1.00

9f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Indiana onion and potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Warsaw, Indiana.

For Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

For Virginia apple reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, 417 North Cameron St., Winchester, Va.

For West Virginia apple reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Martinsburg, W. Va.

For Wyoming reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

F.G.Robb

OFFICE NOTES

W.G.Meal will attend a meeting of the Massachusetts Fruit Growers Association to be held at Worcester, Mass., January 2-5. Mr. Meal will speak on the subject "The Why and How of Our Apple Grades." On January 11 Mr. Meal, together with H.A.Spilman, will attend a meeting of the National League of Wholesale Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Distributors at New York City. Both Mr. Meal and Mr. Spilman will participate in a question and answer session for the purpose of giving those in attendance information relative to laws and regulations administered by the Division.

F.G.Robb will attend a meeting of The Canadian Fruit Wholesalers' Association, to be held at Montreal on January 16-18. Mr. Robb will take part in discussions concerning U.S. grown produce inspected to comply with Canadian regulations.

During the period D.S. Matheson is on leave from his duties at Buffalo, N.Y. (Dec. 23-Jan.20) the inspection work will be handled by W.L. Morley, a State inspector who now holds a Departmental appointment as collaborator, with headquarters at Buffalo.

Under date of December 21 the Washington office was advised that D.M. James, of the Harrisburg, Pa., office, would be absent from official duties for approximately three weeks due to a broken ankle.

W.E.Phillips, of the New Haven inspection office and T.R.Butts, of the Cleveland market news office, being on annual leave, visited the Washington office December 26, en route to Florida.

FOR THE NEW YEAR

May life's sea be like a bay
And your "ship come home" to you,
Sailing in on New Year's Day
With its freight of dreams come true!

